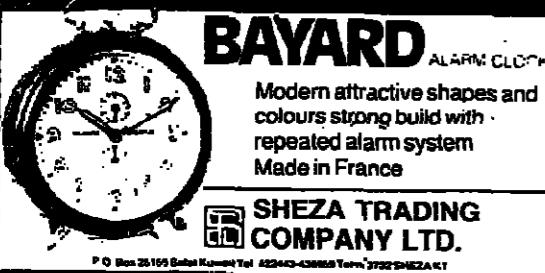


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IRA bombs Army barracks in UK

SHREWSBURY, England, Feb 20. (Reuter): The Irish Republican Army (IRA) blew up two living quarters at a British Army camp here early today and 60 British paratroopers escaped just in time.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said three bomb blasts ripped through the central England camp minutes after a sentry fired on two men fleeing the compound.

He said 60 soldiers from the crack parachute regiment were alerted and evacuated just before blasts wrecked the buildings. Only one man was slightly hurt, by flying glass.

The IRA, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, claimed responsibility for the bombing in a statement to a Dublin news agency and pledged further attacks.

Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton told British Television a sentry spotted two intruders at Tern Hill barracks near Shrewsbury in the early hours of the morning. When challenged, they ran off across the camp.

"They ... then ran into the (living-quarters) building and planted the bombs at that stage," Hamilton said.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said a sentry fired shots at the two men as they made their escape but neither appeared to have been wounded.

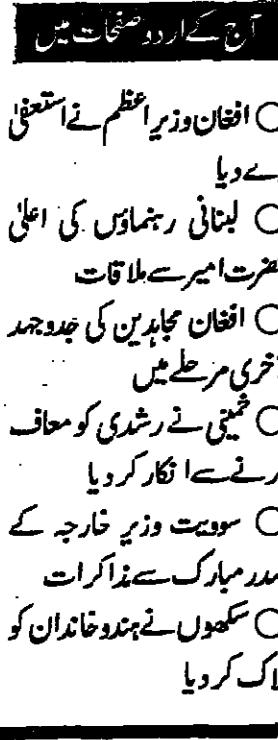
Fourteen minutes later the explosions hit the living-quarters, smashing the front wall out of one and starting a fire that destroyed the roof of the other.

"But for the alarm and the evacuation we could have had a tragedy on our hands," an Army spokesman said.

Police believed the two had escaped in a stolen car and said police patrols had set up road checks around the area.

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Round-table conference on Lebanon crisis delayed

Help end civil war, Amir urges clerics



HH the Amir (second right) received the Lebanese religious leaders yesterday.

Algeria, Tunisia, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan, met last month with Lebanese political leaders at the league's Tunis headquarters.

But no progress was made in the talks with acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun, a Maronite Christian and Parliament Speaker Hussein Husseini, a Shiite Muslim.

Aoun and Hoss head rival cabinets in Lebanon's dual government.

Mediated

Aoun bolstered his power in clashes last week with Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces Christian militia and now controls 75 per cent of the Christian enclave.

Both sides accepted a ceasefire mediated by Maronite Patriarch Boutros Sfeir, whose influence has increased as the Christian enclave around East Beirut shrank. But many Lebanese believe that Geagea was simply seeking a breathing space to the four-day meeting.

The committee, which also includes the foreign ministers of

Protest at death threat against Rushdie

EEC states to recall envoys from Tehran

BRUSSELS, Feb 20. (Agencies): The 12 EEC nations agreed today to recall their ambassadors from Iran to protest Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat against a British author for writing a book fundamentalist Muslims consider blasphemous.

The decision by the EEC foreign ministers came a day after Khomeini said Salman Rushdie "could not be forgiven even if he repents" for having written *The Satanic Verses*.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said the EEC nations also would hold off sending any high-level visits to Iran and would limit the freedom of movement of Iranian diplomats in Europe to within 60 kilometres (38 miles) of where they are stationed.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, said Britain would close down its diplomatic mission in Tehran altogether.

"In our particular case, we're not only bringing back our Charge (d'Affaires), Mr Nicholas Browne, as we've asked our colleagues to do. I've concluded that in addition it is no longer sensible to maintain a diplomatic presence in Tehran," he said.

Leaving

In addition to Browne, Howe told reporters, the four other British embassy staffers, including three diplomats "will therefore be leaving in the very near future."

"At the same time, we shall be making plain to the Iranian government and their charge in London the reasons for this action along with the implications for Mr Basti and his mission," he said in reference to the Iranian Charge d'Affaires Mohammed Basti.

Basti is Iran's lone diplomat in

London. Howe's comments seemed to indicate Iran would have no choice but to close down its mission in London.

The decision to recall the envoys was criticised by Barry Seal, leader of the socialist group in the European Parliament, who called it "wily-washy" and unlikely to result in the lifting of the threat against Rushdie's life.

"This measure is exactly the wrong one. Our envoys should be kept there (in Tehran) to maintain the maximum diplomatic pressure," Seal said in a statement. He said the EEC should have imposed trade sanctions against Tehran and reviewed the access of Iranian students to EEC universities.

"Also today, Ayatollah Mehdi Rouhani, spiritual leader of the Shiite Muslim community in Europe, said European governments should not take any irrevocable sanctions against

Iran because of the Rushdie affair.

Such an isolation, Rouhani said in Paris, where he lives, "would create a vacuum which would be filled by countries from the Eastern bloc."

The Archbishop of Canterbury stepped into the controversy yesterday and condemned what he called incitement to murder.

A shadowy Iranian group issued a warning in London today threatening to target everything British from pubs to politicians if Rushdie does not come out of hiding.

A member of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution in London said: "If Rushdie does not come out of hiding, British embassies abroad and inside the country, the pubs and discos and other government offices will become our targets."

Iran during the 1967 Middle East war but there has been a thaw in relations since Mikhail Gorbachev took power in Moscow.

Arens, however, is unlikely to support Shevardnadze's peace plan. Israel wants a peace conference with Arab states — but not with the PLO taking part — and does not want the UN to play a major role in setting up the conference.

Shevardnadze told reporters on arrival in Cairo that "there are signs that a peace conference would convene next year."

In Washington, Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday he did not think an early meeting of the big powers was the best way to resolve the Middle East crisis.

"We think there ought to be some quiet consultation done before we ever get close to that," Baker said on television.

The Soviet Union cut ties with

Mubarak backs Moscow's Mideast peace initiative

CAIRO, Feb 20. (Reuter): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met Egyptian leaders today, winning further Arab backing for Moscow's Middle East peace initiative.

"The views of the Soviet and Egyptian leadership were identical," Shevardnadze said after three hours of talks with President Hosni Mubarak.

The Soviet minister, making the Kremlin's biggest diplomatic push in the Middle East for years, was also to hold talks in Cairo with Israel and the PLO.

Results

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens arrived in Egypt — the only Arab state which recognises Israel — as the Mubarak-Shevardnadze meeting ended.

Shevardnadze has already been to Syria and Jordan, winning their support for a peace plan which emphasises the role of the UN Security Council.

Hoeni Mubarak

He will be going on to Iraq and Iran and will discuss the results of his trip with the new US Secretary of State, James Baker, in Vienna next month.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid told repor-

ters after the Egyptian-Soviet talks: "We concentrated on the need to hold an international peace conference in which all parties will participate, including the PLO, to help achieve the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

Shevardnadze, the most senior Kremlin leader to visit Egypt in more than a decade, was alone with Mubarak for two hours before they were joined by aides for lunch.

"The talks were deep and important," he told reporters.

Arens was to meet Mubarak later today and Shevardnadze on Wednesday.

Thaw

An Egyptian spokesman, Mamdouh Al Belqas, said Shevardnadze would meet PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Cairo on Wednesday — after Arens has left — or on Thursday.

The Soviet Union cut ties with

RABAT, Feb 20. (Reuter): Morocco and South Yemen are to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, the official news agency Map said today.

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Sheikh Saad inaugurates modernised oil refinery

KUWAIT, Feb 20. (Agencies): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla today inaugurated the newly modernised and expanded Mina Abdulla Refinery.

The inauguration coincided with the celebration of Kuwait's 28th National Day.

The expansion of the refinery, which cost KD628 million (\$1.198 billion), has increased the production capacity to 200,000 barrels per day (BDP) from the previous level of 75,000 BDP. It took six years to complete the expansion.

With the modernisation of the Ahmadi refinery, Kuwait now owns three of the world's highly-advanced refineries, which have a total production capacity of 700,000 BDP and refine most of the country's production of crude oil.

Storage

A total of 60 new storage tanks have been added, thus increasing the storage capacity of the Mina Abdulla refinery from five million to 13 million barrels.

It is the last of the three refineries modernised under an eight-year KD1.43 billion (\$5 billion) programme to increase domestic refining capacity.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said in his address at the inauguration ceremony that Kuwait planned to modernise old refineries in the beginning of the 1980s to make the oil industry self-sufficient.

He also said Kuwait's policy is to develop a highly efficient technical manpower capable of professionally operating the oil installations.

Sheikh Ali said the expansion plan includes modernisation of shipping facilities and ports. He said a man-made island has been added to facilitate the export of the refinery's products.

As well as Hafik, Shun Muslim Grand Mufti, Sheikh Hassan Khaled, the supreme religious judge of the Druze community, Sheikh Mursel Nassar, and the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch Ignatius Hazim also are participating in the talks.

Project

He added that the multi-billion dollar project also encompasses the modification of the northern and southern platforms of the Ahmadi port, allowing greater flexibility in exporting crude oil and refined products.

The oil minister said the three

refineries have been linked by a network of pipelines, which allows them to work as an integrated refining complex.

Furthermore, he pointed out that the project would help integrate the Kuwaiti refineries and the refineries owned by the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation in Europe.

"This will enable Kuwait to reap the fruits of its efforts and huge investments and give it a big competitive edge."

Kuwait has spent KD18 million for training and upgrading the labour force during the 1986-87 and '87-'88 fiscal years,

he said and predicted that another 18.5 million would be spent during the current and coming fiscal years for the purpose.

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KPC Chairman Ahmed Abdal Mohsen Al Mutair said that the contract for the expansion project was signed in 1982 with Kuwait Santa Fe Brown Company for engineering and petroleum projects, owned by the KPC.

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21.6 per cent of the country's largest company, British Petroleum.

KO was later forced to sell more than half the shares after Britain's Monopolies and Mergers Commission found the size of its BP stake a potential threat to British interests.

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Sirhan says he did not intend to kill Kennedy

NEW YORK, Feb 20. (Agencies): In a rare interview, Sirhan Sirhan said he did not intend to kill Robert Kennedy and only went to the Los Angeles hotel where he shot the presidential candidate because he heard "there was a big party."

But Sirhan did admit in the interview to be broadcast tomorrow on the syndicated American television programme "Inside Edition" that he felt betrayed by Kennedy's support of Israel.

The interview was conducted by David Frost at the Soledad, California, prison where Sirhan, 44, is serving a life sentence for the 1968 killing.

Sirhan's account of his motives for the killing and his activities on the day he shot Kennedy are a series of rambling and often confusing statements.

Victory

In the interview, Sirhan, a Palestinian who was "incensed" over Israel's victory in the 1967 Middle East war, said Kennedy was his hero until the New York senator promised to send jet fighters to Israel.

"That was a betrayal," Sirhan said. "It was sad for me to accept... All my hopes were with Bobby Kennedy... I was his supporter."

Sirhan admitted he said Kennedy must die, but added he did not intend to kill him when he went to the Ambassador Hotel, where Kennedy was celebrating his victory in the California Democratic presidential primary.

"I was not doing it out of personal malice towards the man but out of concern for other people," Sirhan said. "Robert Kennedy represented a tremendous threat to Arabs by his support of the Arabs' enemies."

Champion

Still, Sirhan, called Kennedy his hero and said his anger at the senator did not justify his action.

"He was my hero. He was my champion. He was the protector and the defender of the downtrodden and the disadvantaged," Sirhan said. "I can say anything except that I am totally sorry and

feel nothing but remorse for having caused that tragic death."

"I was young, I was immature. I was wild... I wish that I could reverse all of my actions," Sirhan said. "I was operating at the time under some mental deficiency."

"To me it was a coincidence," said Sirhan of his death threat and the assassination, "and I realise... the unbelievability of it."

"That is the point that I am trying to get across," he said. "Because of the unbelievability of it, that you should consider believing it."

Plan

When asked if anyone helped him plan the assassination, Sirhan said "no nobody... I would have... you know, participated in a plan with someone."

He claimed that he bought the gun used in the assassination from a friend of his brother's "more for sport than anything."

Sirhan said he spent the day of the assassination at the firing range.

"There were other people at the range," he said. "It was... a good sort of a get-together at the gun range."

Later, Sirhan said he went to the Ambassador Hotel because "I heard there was a big party."

"I don't know that Sen. Kennedy was down there," said Sirhan.

He said when he got there, "there was a lot of drinking..."

"It was quite a lively affair and I lost myself in it," Sirhan said. "It was sort of enjoyable for me, but it ended in tragedy."

80-vehicle pile-up

MILAN, Italy, Feb 20. (Reuter): At least three people were killed and 30 injured in an 80-vehicle pile-up in thick fog on a northern Italian motorway today, police said.

They said several cars and lorries had caught fire and that the dead had been trapped inside.

Police closed both carriageways of the motorway near Piacenza, about 60 km (40 miles) south of Milan.

Lebanese Army, militia rivals hold surprise talks

BEIRUT, Feb 20, (Reuter): The leaders of Lebanon's warring Christian factions held a surprise meeting today in an attempt to resolve a conflict that killed at least 58 people last week.

Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun met Lebanese Forces (LF) leader Samir Geagea for two hours at the presidential palace in the Christian suburb of Baabda, official sources said.

Geagea later told reporters:

"It was a positive meeting during which all issues were discussed. We can say all what happened (the fighting) is over for good."

Aoun, who has vowed to curb the LF's quasi-governmental activities, did not comment on the talks, his first with Geagea since street battles erupted last Tuesday.

Disposal

On Sunday, Geagea vowed to put his 12,000-strong force at Aoun's disposal, but said he would only withdraw his militia from East Beirut when Syria pulled out its troops from the Muslim western sector of the capital.

The Army and the militia, however, were seen yesterday reinforcing their positions, with LF militiamen digging trenches and erecting checkpoints.

Aoun, whose mainly-Christian units remain on full alert behind tanks and artillery, says he is set on building a strong central authority in war-ravaged Lebanon.

He demands that LF militiamen go for barracks under Army control, stop levying taxes, and quit two illegal ports.

He also wants the LF to close down its National Development Council which sponsors economic and social projects.

Comprising

Aoun and Geagea share control of the Christian enclave comprising East Beirut and mountains to the north and east, while Muslim militiamen and Syrian troops control West Beirut and other parts of the country.

Geagea has said he was ready to offer concessions to avoid fresh fighting and pulled his men back to their barracks but has not met Aoun's other demands.

Political analysts said Geagea was moderating his usually tough tone to gain the support of Christian public opinion, divided between the Army and the militia.

Gorbachev flew to Ukraine

MOSCOW, Feb 20, (Reuter): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev flew to the Ukraine today for a tour Soviet officials said would include his first visit to the site of the 1986 nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl.

Gorbachev, who was met at Kiev airport by long-serving Ukrainian Communist Party chief Vladimir Shcherbitsky, is also expected to use the tour to urge continued public support for his reform programme despite persistent food supply problems.

The official Tass news agency said the 57-year-old party leader and President would visit "major industrial and cultural centres" and meet industrial and agricultural workers as well as scientists and Ukrainian government and communist officials."

Although the agency did not mention Chernobyl, 130 km (80 miles) north of the Ukrainian capital, officials said privately it was on the programme.

Effects

The visit comes as official reports are signalling the effects of the explosion on April 26, 1986, were worse than at first revealed.

Over the past month, villagers in parts of Byelorussia to the northwest have been evacuated from their homes after scientists established that high levels of radiation persisted.

In Islamabad, a special com-

After the agreement on carefully managed elections**Government, Solidarity seek accord on economic reform**

WARSAW, Feb 20, (Reuter): Poland's communist authorities and the banned Solidarity trade union sought agreement on urgently needed economic reforms today after reaching a compromise on changing the electoral system.

Government and Solidarity negotiators discussed proposals to revive the economy, such as creating an index tying wages to inflation and abolishing the system under which the Communist Party appoints all important industrial managers.

Solidarity sources said the government had also promised to supply sensitive figures on the size of the defence and interior ministries' budgets. The authorities are reluctant to accept Solidarity demands for cuts in these budgets.

Disposal

The talks took place as separate government and opposition teams reviewed the state of Poland's vital coal-mining industry. They were the latest effort by the two sides to strike a broad deal on political and economic change to stabilise the country.

The talks, which started on Feb 6, have already produced tentative agreement to re-legitimise Solidarity, which was suppressed

under martial law in December 1981 but in recent months has operated almost completely in the open.

The negotiations made a breakthrough of similar importance on Saturday when Solidarity accepted a proposal for elections that would give the opposition up to 40 per cent of seats in parliament but ensure a majority for the party and its allies.

"As a result of this proposal, quite new political forces will appear in the Polish parliament, forces which have so far not exerted much influence on the authorities," government negotiator Janusz Rejkowski told reporters.

Solidarity boycotted all elections after the declaration of martial law. But union leaders said that, in return for their movement's re-legitimisation, they were ready to accept what amounted to a government offer of carefully managed elections.

The authorities last week offered the opposition an easing of media censorship and the right to an independent daily newspaper. But union negotiators said there were disagreements over access to the state television and radio network.

The discussions on economic

reform are amongst the most important as Poland is grappling with an inflation rate that hit 74 per cent last year and a foreign debt of about \$37 billion which it has practically no means to repay.

Official newspapers published new exchange rates today which showed the government had deviated the zloty by 7.45 per cent to 555 to the dollar from 513.63 last Friday. In 1980, when Solidarity emerged, the zloty was about 25 to the dollar.

In the latest price increases, the authorities last weekend announced rises of about seven per cent for bread and wheat flour. Much larger rises for public transport, newspapers, medicines and other items have been announced this year.

Solidarity elected a temporary leadership on Sunday for its Warsaw region. Activists renamed Zbigniew Bujak, the Warsaw leader in 1980-81 and Poland's most popular clandestine activist under martial law, to his old post.

In the southeastern town of Rzeszow, the leaders of rural Solidarity, the union of private farmers that was also suppressed under martial law, set up groups to draft a new statute for their organisation.



Thatcher in Frankfurt to brief Kohl on missile issue

FRANKFURT, Feb 20, (UPI): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived today on a two-day visit to Frankfurt, where she is expected to sound out Chancellor Helmut Kohl about his reservations on modernising NATO's short-range nuclear missiles based in West Germany.

Thatcher's trip to West Germany follows a visit to 14 NATO nations last week by US Secretary of State James Baker, who said he expected the issue of modernising short-range nuclear missiles in Europe to be resolved within the next three months, prior to a summit of NATO leaders tentatively scheduled for the last half of May.

Earlier this month, Kohl, with the backing of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, said he saw no need to modernise the West German-based Lance missiles, which have a range of about 75 miles, until 1991 or 1992 — after the next German election.

Funeral security

TOKYO, Feb 20, (AP): With more than 30,000 police in town to provide security during the funeral of Emperor Hirohito on Friday, Tokyo residents are feeling the pressure of what police say is the largest operation of its kind carried out in Japan.

On the day of the funeral, police plan to deploy a security force of 32,000 in Tokyo, up from 26,000 on Feb 14 and 15,000 on Jan 7, when Hirohito died of cancer.

Earthquake damage

MOSCOW, Feb 20, (AP): The earthquake that struck the Armenian republic last December caused 10 billion rubles (\$16.2 billion) worth of damage and destroyed 58 villages and towns, the Tass news agency said today.

The earthquake, which struck Dec 7, killed 25,000 people and injured 19,000, the Armenian committee on statistics said in a report published by the news agency.

Boeing evacuated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 20, (UPI): An Air Canada Boeing 727 was evacuated on the runway at San Francisco international airport yesterday because of a fuel leak, authorities said.

The 100 passengers on Flight 758 to Toronto, scheduled to depart at 7:50 am, got off the jet safely via the back stairs and were taken back to the terminal while the aircraft was inspected.

Air Canada spokesman Ronald White in Montreal said evacuation chutes were not required and there were no injuries or other problems.

Meningitis

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 20, (UPI): An unusual outbreak of a deadly form of meningitis in a northern California county may last through April and likely will spread and strike again next winter and spring, experts predict.

A survey of a dozen health officials shows it is not the number of cases they find worrisome, but the rare circumstances involved in Santa Clara county, where 19 people have contracted meningococcal meningitis since October and three have died.

Bomb threat

ATHENS, Feb 20, (Reuter): A bomb threat forced the evacuation of a courthouse where a Palestinian wanted by the United States for an airliner bombing appeared today to face charges of hiding weapons in his prison cell.

Mohammed Rashid, accused of bombing a Pan American airliner in 1982, was later cleared of the weapons charge and returned to his cell to await the Greek Supreme Court's decision on a US extradition request.

Planes collide

KINGSBURY, New York, Feb 20, (AP): Two small planes apparently collided over the Adirondack Mountains, killing five people and critically injuring a pilot, authorities said.

The two planes were found yesterday about a quarter-mile (half a kilometre) from each other in a logging area 60 miles (96 kilometres) north of Albany, according to Lt. Col. Lloyd Linger of the Civil Air Patrol.

Civil Air Patrol Maj. Gary R. Picher said one witness, who lives near the Warren county airport, said he "heard a loud noise, looked up and saw one plane going one way and one plane going the other way."

Peace talks

STOCKHOLM, Feb 20, (Reuter): Polisario guerrillas will hold a new round of peace talks with Morocco's King Hassan next week, Polisario secretary-general Mohamed Abdellah said today.



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**Two appear in court over death linked to Winnie's gang**

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 20, (Agencies): Two South African youths appeared in court today charged with killing a black doctor who was a key witness to the alleged murderous behaviour of Winnie Mandela's gang of bodyguards.

Nicholas Dlamini and Cyril Mbatha were accused of shooting anti-apartheid campaigner Abu Baker Asvat at point-blank range in his Soweto township surgery last month.

The youths, appearing in a Soweto court, made no plea and their case was transferred to Johannesburg magistrates' court, where it resumes on Wednesday.

Asvat's murder shocked the black community because he had been expected to supply damning evidence against Mandela's personal bodyguards about the alleged murderous behaviour of Winnie Mandela's gang of bodyguards.

Seipei was one of four youths removed from a hostel and then allegedly assaulted by the bodyguards. Seipei's decomposed body was later found abandoned in a ditch, badly beaten and with the throat cut.

Asvat, a leading member of several Soweto civil rights committees, was unable to give police his version of the night Seipei died before being murdered himself said today.

The wife of killed black nationalist Nelson Mandela, herself a

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Pay \$20,000
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king in China

BEIJING, Feb 20. (Reuters): Fancy being pampered like a king as a guest of China? You can sleep in the same bed, swim in the same pool and eat the same dishes as US President George Bush—for just \$20,000 a night in China's elitist Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

In tune with China's swing from communism to a more capitalist-style society, the state-run residence on Beijing's western fringes has thrown open its suites to the wealthy as well as the famous. "All of Beijing's parks are crowded but here it is peaceful and tranquil. This is no ordinary hotel and best of all, it is secure," said deputy director Sun Guotong.

Swathes of parkland with lakes and streams, the fishing grounds of emperors 800 years ago, give each of the 15 villas the air of a country manor.

Preparations for Bush's arrival on Saturday, the day after Emperor Hirohito's funeral in Tokyo, are especially hectic.

Security
A satellite ground station is being set up. US security officers are making the rounds. The Chinese side, as of today, still had no final name-list for the official party.

"Time is very short to prepare. His programme is tight. The delegation is very big," said Sun whose worries include waiting for a reply from Bush's advance team on just how warm the President likes his swimming pool.

"This is not politics," said Sun, a former diplomat. "We just want to make his stay as comfortable as possible."

Pointing across a frozen lake, Sun sang the praises of the two-storey villa which will be home for two days for Bush, his wife Barbara and their immediate entourage.

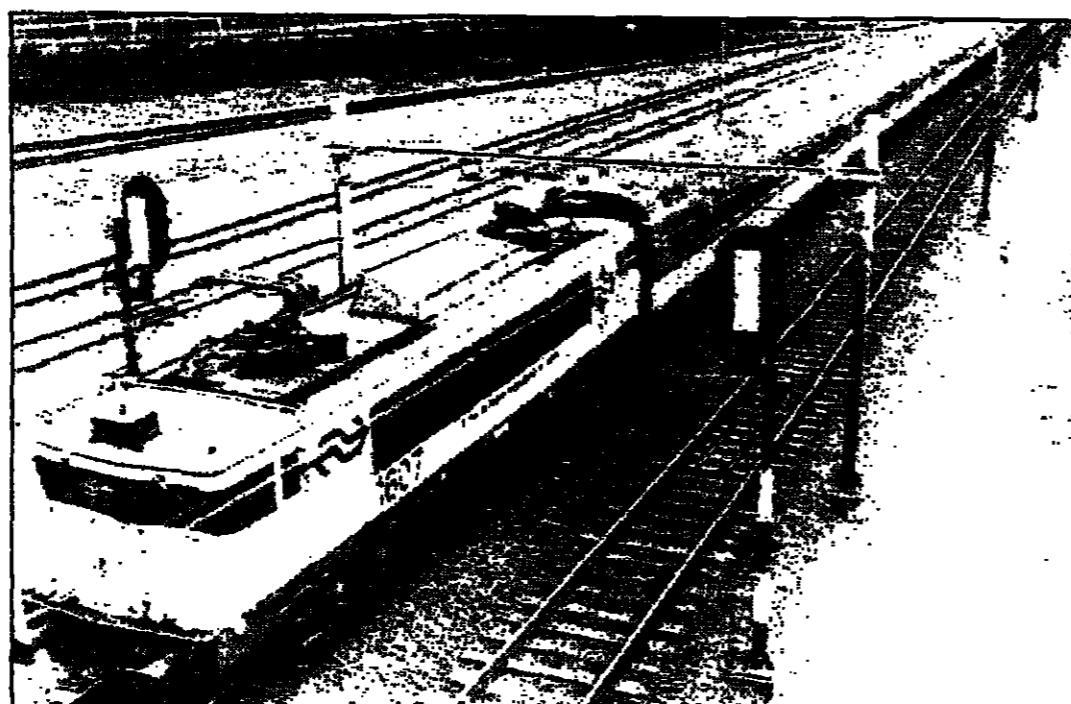
Renovated in 1986 for Britain's Queen Elizabeth, the 24-bedroom villa has recently housed Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto.

**Khamenei
in Belgrade**

BELGRADE, Feb 20. (AP): Iranian President Ali Khamenei arrived here today.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Khamenei arrived on a three-day official visit, his first trip to a European country, to discuss economic and cultural relations between the two non-aligned countries.

Heading a high-ranking Iranian delegation, which includes Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Khamenei was greeted at Belgrade airport by Yugoslav President Raif Dizdarevic.



● The world's longest passenger train with 60 carriages, taking up one-and-a-half kilometres of track, leaves the Zwijndrecht station in the Netherlands. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iran to free 260 Iraqi prisoners

BAGHDAD, Feb 20. (Reuters): The first of a new batch of 260 Iraqi prisoners of war to be freed by Iran will arrive in Baghdad tomorrow, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said today.

"The repatriation of the Iraqi POWs will be carried out over three days starting from Feb 21 and an ICRC-chartered aircraft will fly them to Baghdad," ICRC press officer Arnold Luethol told Reuters.

Last month Iraq freed 255 Iranians in what it called a unilateral peace gesture. It still holds some 30,000 Iranians captured during the eight-year war while Iran holds more than twice that number of Iraqis, according to ICRC estimates.

An exchange of several hundred prisoners in November broke down after three days when Iran and Iraq cut numbers promised for release and accused each other of bad faith.

Iraq said last week the 260 Iraqis to be released this week were sick or disabled.

UK to help Dhaka in flood prevention

DHAKA, Feb 20. (Reuters): Britain has volunteered to help raise billions of dollars to prevent floods that kill thousands of Bangladeshis each year, Bangladesh's foreign minister said today.

"This is a gigantic task which will need at least five to six billion dollars," Anisul Islam Mahmud told reporters.

Mahmud, briefing journalists on President Hussain Mohammad Ershad's five-day official visit to London last week, said Britain had offered to sponsor an international conference on the flooding.

Talks

He said the offer was made at a meeting between Ershad and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He said several Western countries as well as the international financial agencies would attend the talks, which might be held in London.

More than 3,000 people had been killed last year in floods that were described as the worst in 40 years.

Arms

Officials in Guwahati, Assam's capital, believe they were inspired by the publicity given Gurkha militants who waged a guerrilla war in neighbouring West Bengal state.

Subsequently, "the (Bodo) tribe extremists obtained arms from the Gurkha and militants," said an intelligence officer who spoke recently on condition of anonymity.

He said Bodo youths also set up training camps and were given sanctuary in the neighbouring Kingdom of Bhutan.

There are about 5.5 million Bodos in Assam, one-fourth of the state's population. The most militant, spearheaded by the All-Bodo Students Union, are demanding a separate state within the Indian nation on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra river wedged under Bhutan and the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh.

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Discontent among the Bodos has been simmering for more than 20 years as Assamese Hindus moved closer to their forest homes, but there were few reports of violence until about two years ago.

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Sikhs outnumber Hindus in the rich farming state of Punjab but comprise only two percent of the nation-wide population of 880 million. Hindus account for 82 percent of the national population.

Troops demolish Palestinian homes

West Bank strike continues

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 20. (AP): Palestinians staged a general strike for a second straight day today to protest the Israeli occupation, and troops bulldozed or sealed four houses of West Bank Arabs accused of throwing firebombs at Israeli soldiers and civilians.

In the diplomatic arena, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens was en route to Cairo for meetings with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Arens will reportedly push for the resumption of ties severed by Moscow after the 1967 Middle East war, and Israeli media quoted officials in Jerusalem as saying there were increasing indications relations might resume before the end of the year.

Gesture

In the northern West Bank city of Jenin, troops bulldozed the house of a resident accused of throwing three firebombs at an Israeli Army vehicle, an Army official said. The official did not know if anyone was injured in the attack.

The Army also sealed three homes of suspected firebomb throwers, one in the West Bank village of Hawwara and two in the village of Dahiat Al Barrad near Jerusalem, the official said.

The United States has criticised house demolitions and sealings, saying they violate the right to due process. Houses are usually demolished or sealed before a suspect is charged.

In another development, Palestinian leader Faisal Hus-

seini, considered a top PLO supporter in the occupied lands, made a conciliatory gesture to Israel, saying a Palestinian state would not need an army.

"What do armies do in the world?" Husseini was quoted as saying by the Jerusalem Post newspaper during a speech in Tel Aviv. "Either they take over the country in coups or they end up in the Knesset (Israeli parliament) in other ways."

The PLO has argued that a Palestinian state should have all attributes of statehood, including an army. The Israeli government objects to the formation of a Palestinian state, saying it would endanger the security of the Jewish state.

Husseini was released from Israeli detention last month after spending 18 of the past 22 months in prison without benefit of a trial. Since his release, he has met with several left-wing and liberal Israeli legislators.

In Cairo, Arens was scheduled to meet with Shevardnadze and Mubarak to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict.

A senior Soviet diplomat in Cairo expressed optimism about the resumption of diplomatic ties between Israel and the Soviet Union.

Rumours of a coup again sweep Philippines

MANILA, Feb 20. (AP): Share prices closed lower today on the Manila Stock Exchange, and analysts said investors were worried about rumours that military extremists may launch a new coup attempt when President Corazon Aquino goes to Japan this week.

The composite index of 25 selected issues closed at 820.27, down 4.76 points from Friday.

Analysts said they expected little movement until Mrs Aquino completes her one-day visit to Japan for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito on Friday.

Investors "are afraid some changes will occur and have definitely adopted a wait-and-see position prior to Aquino's trip to Japan," said an analyst at Citisecurities Inc., who spoke on condition he not be named.

"The bottom line is that she's leaving with a big question mark because you don't know what will happen when she is gone," said an analyst for Barcelon Roxas Securities Inc., a brokerage house.

Plot
Rumours of another conspiracy against the Aquino government spread this month after military chief of staff Gen. Renato de Villa reported that former Lt. Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan and two other renegade officers had held a secret meeting to discuss joining forces.

Honasan led the August 1987 coup attempt that killed 53 people and wounded 300 others. It was the most serious of the six armed attempts to topple Aquino since she took power on Feb. 25, 1986, after a popular uprising ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

Tomb robbers 'sentenced to death'

BEIJING, Feb 20. (AP): A court in western China has given a suspended death sentence to the leader of a gang of tomb robbers, the official Xinhua news agency says.

The Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region court upheld a lower court death sentence for Yang Xionglin for encouraging peasants in the Turfan area to rob 86 tombs from the spring and autumn warring states period (770-221 B.C.).

But the high court said the sentence would be converted to life imprisonment as long as the prisoner demonstrated reparation over the next two years.

Xinhua reported Friday that the peasants sold 90 stolen cultural relics to Yang for \$116. The relics individually command prices of thousands of dollars when smuggled to antique markets in Hong Kong and other foreign countries.

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Amir, Crown Prince receive Arab engineers delegation

KUWAIT, Feb 20, (KUNA): HH the Amir today received heads of the Arab delegations participating in the Engineers Conference.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah also received today at his diwan heads of delegations, participating in the 18th Conference of Arab Engineers Federation.

The heads of the delegations presented to Sheikh Saad a memorial gift on the occasion.

The meeting was attended by president of the Arab Engineers Federation Marwan Abdul Hameed and Deputy Head of the Federation and President of the Kuwaiti Engineers Union Bader Abdul Wahab Al Refai.

Mubarak to visit UAE today

ABU DHABI, Feb 20, (AP): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is scheduled to arrive tomorrow on a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates, the UAE official news agency WAM said today.

It said Mubarak will hold talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan as "part of the continuous consultations between the two leaders to bolster joint-Arab action."

Mubarak visited the UAE in January 1988 after a 10-year break of diplomatic ties between Abu Dhabi and Cairo following its peace treaty with Israel.

The Egyptian leader's visit will take place on his way to Japan for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito, and Egyptian diplomats here confirmed that he would meet in Tokyo with US President George Bush on the fringes of the ceremony. He is accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning, Kamal Ganzouri, and Minister of State for Administrative Planning, Atif Obaid.

Three girls apprehended for stealing

THREE girls were yesterday apprehended by the police patrol at Salmyia area for stealing KD3,000 from a Kuwaiti woman, a local daily reported.

According to police sources, the victim had withdrawn the amount from the National Bank of Kuwait, Salmyia branch when a girl offered to drop her at her destination.

The lady agreed and went to the car where she noticed two other girls. While the lady was getting into the car, one of the girls snatched her handbag which contained the amount and fled.

A shop owner at the area noted the number of the car and informed the police patrol who apprehended the culprits.

Family escapes home blaze

By Salem Al Wawan

AN employee working at the Ministry of Communications, his wife and their daughter escaped from a blaze in their flat in the Fintas area on Sunday night.

The three family members escaped the blaze, but were injured in their attempt to escape by throwing themselves out of their first floor flat.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the Jordanian employee Ibrahim had a serious fracture in his back, his wife is reported to be in a critical state and the daughter is suffering multiple fractures.

An electrical short circuit has been cited as the cause of the fire.

Training course

A TRAINING course organised by Kuwait's Co-operative Societies Union and Kuwait University was opened by Ali Abu Hadidah, the Chairman of the union.

The training courses to be attended by employees from co-operative societies, aims at upgrading the capabilities of these personnel.

Sultan Center completes year-long promotion

THE Sultan Center have successfully completed their first Shop, Save & Win promotion for 1989. This promotion started in January and ended on February 17th 1989.

There were together 54 prizes to be won. The first prize included a 1989 Mitsubishi Galant Super Saloon car sponsored by M/S. Bader Al Mulla & Bros. in our joint promotion.

The main purpose of such promotions is to invite our valued customers to shop with us in an entertaining and comfortable atmosphere, offering them our largest variety of high quality, brand name



Houti (second right) visiting one of the stalls at the exhibition.

Minister of public works opens building exhibition

By Lima Al Khalafawi

in the development of national industries, residential areas and various public works projects.

The ongoing exhibition offers specialists and the general public an opportunity to acquaint and familiarise themselves with some of the latest developments in the field of construction engineering.

Houti said.

ABDUL Rahman Al Houti, the minister of public works yesterday opened Kuwait's International Building Engineering and Municipalities Exhibition at Misrini Fairgrounds.

In an opening speech, Houti expressed his appreciation towards efforts exerted in the preparation of the 18th Arab Engineering Conference scheduled to coincide with the present exhibition.

This exhibition, coming at an exceptionally opportune time, coincides with a period of rapid growth in construction both in Kuwait and the region, he said.

He added that during the preceding few years, Kuwait was able to achieve all-round advancements in the field of urban development and construction and to make significant progress

till Feb 23.

The exhibition will continue till Feb 23.

Referring to maintenance

costs

The executive said, to cut down operational costs and face the fall in number of passengers, KAC is now leasing some of its additional aircraft during the slack winter season and thus made net profits averaging 40 per cent of the costs.

Asked on the air taxi services introduced by the company in the early 80s, the official recalled that they were originally designed to cater for businesses in the region.

He said the service has been extremely hit by the economic recession and the lack of political stability and security that prevailed over the past eight years. In addition an approach by KAC for joint operation of the service has been turned down by Saudia and Gulf Air. Mishari indicated.

On possible operation of new routes, the company executive

revealed plans for resumption of KAC flights to Seoul, which had been suspended some time ago, and announced that the company is presently studying possible joint operation of long-distance routes to such destinations as Japan, Taiwan and Australia.

In reply to a question on employment of nationals, Mishari recounted that the number of Kuwaiti pilots flying KAC planes now stands at 41, compared to 47 non-Kuwaitis, national co-pilots are 95 against two non-Kuwaitis and there are 23 Kuwaiti flight engineers out of 45 employed by the company. KAC has 213 Kuwaiti ground engineers as against 183 foreigners, he noted.

Reassessment

On plans for co-operation with Gulf airlines, he said that during a recent meeting with Gulf Air, it was agreed to form three ad hoc committees to recommend on future co-ordination between the two airlines in the commercial, technical and training fields.

Mishari assured KAC's continuous reassessment of its services, both in passenger and cargo sectors, with the aim of improving them and concluded that the corporation will hold its annual conference next March 20, in the presence of its station managers and senior officials, to review economic and marketing conditions at the local, regional and international levels, study projections for 1989-90 and to lay down a marketing strategy.

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Bahrain's financial market third most important, says Japanese banker

A LEADING Japanese banker described Bahrain's financial market as the third most important in the world after Tokyo and New York and called for setting up of a financial research centre in the island to serve the region.

Speaking at a seminar on the economy and technology of Japan, Sunday, Kenji Morozumi, Deputy Chairman and President, Nomura Investment Banking (Middle East), highlighted Bahrain's importance as the financial and banking centre in the region in particular and in the world in general.

The Japanese banker said Bahrain enjoys a number of advantages for both regional and international business and financial activities to be conducted with minimum formalities and greater freedom.

He cited Bahrain's strategic importance and its advanced telecommunications system as significant factors for its role in regional and international financial markets.

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Education sub-committee to monitor school buildings

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education, Dr Yacoub Al Sharrah has said that a sub-committee has recently been formed emanating from the ad-hoc ministerial committee for private school buildings, which contained members from the ministry and Kuwait Municipality.

He added that there had so far been three applications submitted for opening new schools early next year. The ministry followed up the evaluation of existing teaching services offered by private Arab and international schools in Kuwait.

Competition

Sharrah pointed out that the purpose was to step up competition among these schools to improve the level of their services.

He further added that the department was currently involved in conducting a study aimed at evaluating the conditions of existing private school buildings and ins-

Some name change applicants have ulterior motives: official

DHERAR Al Asousi, head of Names Change and Surname Claims Committee and director of the Court of First Instance has said that some of those applying to have their names changed have ulterior motives.

Some try to get their names changed in an endeavour to avoid punishment for a crime they committed, or to evade paying debts and others to associate their relationship with families they do not have any ties with.

Unfortunately, many persons succeeded in concealing their true identities by obtaining new names.

The committee was established in April last year to regulate these activities and scrutinise thoroughly the authenticity of all information provided by

applicants, the official said.

He added that the committee during the last year and till January of this year, received over 1,600 claims. A total of 935 applications were submitted by Kuwaitis. The committee reviewed 239 applications till date.

Liability

Applicants who submit wrong information or lie, are liable to serve five years in jail or a fine of KD5,000 — or both. The committee also accepts applications from those without nationality (now officially called non-Kuwaitis) who would like to reveal their original nationalities and also their true names.

Changing the first name of children below six years of age is undertaken at the Ministry of Health.

KUWAIT ... GULF

Maintenance servicing generates KD2.231 million in 1987-'88

KAC to modernise its fleet for the 1990s

KUWAIT, Feb 20, (KUNA): Board chairman and managing director of the Kuwait Airways Corporation, Ahmed Al Mishari today said that a committee, headed by KAC director general Ahmed Faisal Al Zabin, is now studying a company plan to modernise its fleet for the 1990s and expected the plan to be finalised during the second half of this year.

He assured that elaborate technical checks on the company's fleet of airliners have proved them free of all defects, and added that there are plans by KAC to replace some of its planes whose operational age would expire in the next decade.

No decision, however, has been taken on the type of new aircraft to be purchased.

EVENTS

Gulf-wide culinary competition proposed

By Jadranka Porter

ROBERT BATY, the vice-chairman of the Chaine des Rotisseurs — a French gastronomic association which comprises delegations outside France — has proposed a Gulf-wide culinary competition which could help promote the regional cuisine.

Participants should be cooks below the age of 24 and should not include chefs, said Baty.

He was in Kuwait this week to conduct the investiture ceremony at a chapter meeting during which new members of the Chaine des Rotisseurs receive the insignia of their rank and the diploma of the Chaine.

Baty said his proposal was well received by Kuwait's "bailliage" (delegation). Explaining the details of the contest, Baty said each com-

petitor would be given a basket of ingredients to prepare a meal of his choice for four persons. The winner would receive a gold medal from the Chaine and would qualify to enter the Arab world culinary competition.

Baty was impressed by Kuwait's fish market and called on Kuwait's chefs to give greater prominence to the regional cuisine rather than the European food preparation. He said he would like to see more restaurants serve the kind of meals prepared in Kuwaiti homes.

The Chaine des Rotisseurs has 80,000 members in 112 countries, among them royalties and personalities like former US President Ronald Reagan and the Pope. The association traces its history back to the 13th century when the Guild of Spit-Roasters was first established.



A reception was hosted by the French ambassador for the participants at the French film exhibition. Farouk Abdul Aziz (left) of the Cine Club is seen with some of the guests.

Lucky draw

A FREE car every week from Yusuf Ahmad Alghanim & Sons Co.

The lucky draw for the third prize of "A Car Every Week" was held on Saturday at the Jabra showroom (Alghanim Oasi).

Two more cars are still to be won in the coming two weeks. All purchasers of new cars from any of the Alghanim showrooms are eligible for the draw. The prize is the same car he or she bought — irrespective of the price.

The fourth draw will be held on Feb. 26, at the Shuaikh showroom at 5.00 pm.

Representatives from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Interior will supervise the draw.



One of the cars at the showroom.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Young Artists Exhibition

Until Feb. 23: An exhibition of paintings and drawings by young Kuwaiti artists is being held at the Dahiya Abdullah Al Saleh Gallery, open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

Ghadir Gallery

Until March 19: Recent paintings by British water colour artist Patricia Mills will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex, mezzanine, Gate 5, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Sultan Gallery

Feb. 21: An exhibition of paintings by Bangladeshi artist Mounirul Islam opens at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St. It will be open from 5 to 8 pm.

Kuwait Science Museum

Daily: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum

Sat. - Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

Sat. - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Saudi House

Sat. - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

Piano Recital

Feb. 22: Pianist Anthony Peebles will give a recital at the Kuwait International Hotel, Terrace Room. For reservations contact the hotel.

LECTURES

Vikings and Arabs

A series of lectures will be given by a visiting Swedish-Arabist, Professor Bengt Knutson. The programme is as follows:

Feb. 21 (6 pm): A lecture on Swedish-Arabic Encounter and Poetry, Faculty Members Club.

Feb. 22 (6 pm): A recital of Swedish poetry translated into Arabic will be held at the Kuwait Writers Association, Adeliya.

CINEMA

British Council

Feb. 22 (6 pm); Feb. 23 (10.30 am): Moon Dreamers, a collection of animated stories for the young, featuring a bunch of lovable boys and girls from the

land where dreams come from, will be shown. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

SOCIAL

Bangladesh Martyr's Day

Feb. 21: The Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait will celebrate the Martyr's Day (Shaheed Diwas) from 9 am at the embassy premises in Jabiya. A week-long exhibition of Bangladeshi books written by Bangladeshi writers will be opened by Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin.

Feb. 23 (6 pm): The Bangladeshi Association will hold a discussion followed by a cultural programme to mark the Martyr's Day. Ali Bangladeshi is invited.

Prize-giving ceremony

Feb. 24 (6.30 pm): The annual prize distribution ceremony of the Bangladesh School will be held at the Ibn Taimiah Secondary School, Kuwait. All Bangladeshi are invited.

Dance Recital

Feb. 25 (6 pm): Dr Padma will give a solo-recital called "Jaya Moksham," danced to Tchaikovsky's music. The dance show is part of the Nehru Centenary celebration. Both performances will be held at the IAC. For entry passes contact 3904817.

Gayatri Arts

Feb. 25: 10 am - 5 pm. The Gayatri Arts Organisation for Arts and Sports will hold a social event to celebrate the Nehru Centenary. Indoor games and competition will be held at the Indian embassy hall.

Kuwait Welsh Society

March 1 (Wednesday): St David's Day buffet-dance will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 8 pm. Tickets — KD 6. For reservations phone 3713467.

KALPAK

March 3: The Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association in Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold a variety show to launch their activities. The programme will be held at the Indian embassy hall from 4.30 pm. Daniel Rally

March 3 (Friday): Daniel, the Danish association in Kuwait, will hold the annual family car rally. For registration and details call Karen-Marie — Tel. 3715146 before Feb. 25.

Gala Dinner

March 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call 4831339; 5393151.

KAPILKU Night

March 10: The KAPILKU Night at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Andalou City, from 5 to 10 pm. A sing-alike contest and a singing competition will be held. Entrance - KD 2. For details call Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 483447.

British Tea Party

March 10: The British Tea Party/animal fun day will be

held at the Messilah Beach Hotel from midday with fun stalls, animal-painting competition, children's super-star contest, soccer and basketball, Leo's magic and other events. For details phone 5624111 ext 751/739.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach

Mubarakiya Restaurant open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: Birthday Special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

At the Holiday Inn

Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Enjoy fresh fish and seafood specialties. Thursday night is Indian night, featuring exotic Eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio.

Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper Club on Thursday nights.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the Sheraton

Riccardo's: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Sienas Duo. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hamra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesdays: Thai Night; Wednesdays: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Friday's buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarboche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner.

Thursdays: Arab world specialities night, Coffee Shop

offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special. At the Ramada

Al Bendar coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner, 6 am to midnight; à la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Ayza Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks. 4 to 11 pm.

At the Continental

Gardenia: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; à la carte dinner.

At the Kuwait Plaza

Filipino night held every Sunday from 7 to 9.30 pm.

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice-cream festival: light snacks served from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant: Turkish cuisine, à la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

At the Pullman

Elysee Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal coffee shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

SPORTS

United Goans Centre

Feb. 24: The UGC will hold

their XIIth annual league football tournament. All KIFF-affiliated teams are requested to contact the organisers for registration.

PBA bowling

Feb. 24: The PBA second non-pro bowling games will be held. The schedule is as follows: 8.30 am — Manduluyong vs Quezon City/San Juan vs Makati; 11:30 am — Caloocan City vs Paranaque; 2:30 pm — Manila vs Baguio City.

March 3: Step-ladder games start at 10 am. The league has been sponsored by Dollarco and Holiday Inn.

Varca Sporting Centre

Feb. 25: The sixth annual one day seven-a-side football festival will be held at Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on Feb. 24, 10 am. For details contact the organisers.

Scuba Diving

Feb. 26: Scuba diving lessons start at the Al Boom Club. For details call 4830474/48350570.

Tivim Centre

March 4/5: The Tivim Centre will hold its second annual one-day seven-a-side football festival at Al Sour Grounds. This will be followed by their second inter-village nine-a-side football tournament, beginning April 8. For details contact organisers.

Mini Rugby

Training and games every Friday at the Ahmadi ground; training starts at 10 am and mini-rugby finishes at 11:30 am. For details call Hugh McAre — 5326368 or Geoff Bennett — 5332683.

Raft Race

The third Kuwait Annual Raft Race will be held on May 26. Mens/ladies/mixed and carnival events. This year's rules and regulations are available from the Messilah Beach Hotel. The first captains' meeting will be held at the hotel on March 7 (6.30 pm).

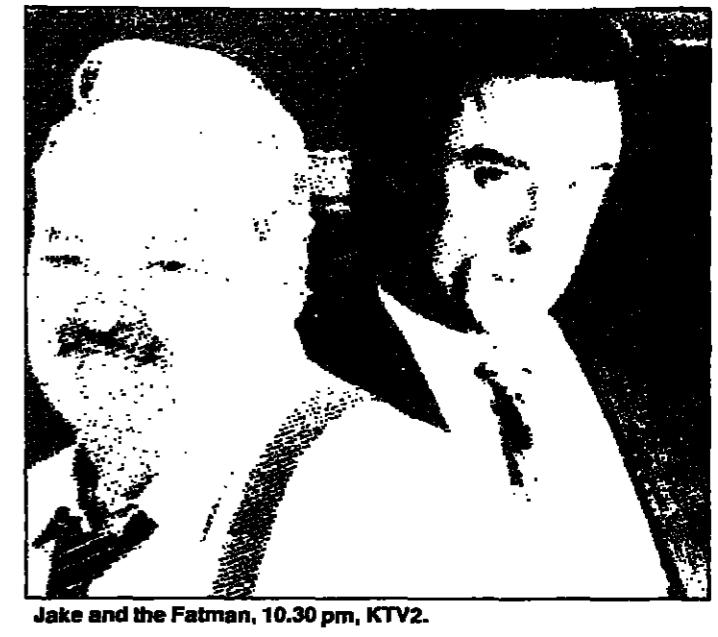


Polaroid unveiled a new camera called Angles Camera and a new film 600 Plus at the Polaroid 88 function held at the Meridian on Sunday.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.10 Good Morning
- 9.15 Cartoon serial
- 9.45 World News via Satellite
- 10.00 Al Thaman: Arabic serial, starring Jalal Al Sharqawi, Omar Al Hariri, Laila Taher and Ashraf Abdul Ghafour.
- 10.50 Varieties
- 11.00 Khalati Qumasha: local serial
- 11.45 News and varieties
- 12.00 Variety programme
- 1.00 News in Brief
- 1.05 World News via Saelite (repeated)
- 1.35 National Songs
- 4.30 Varieties
- 7.45 Good Evening
- 8.30 Special informational programme
- 9.00 Arabic news
- 9.45 Arabic serial: Al Baharaat Al Murrah
- 10.45 Varieties
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.05 The World News via Satellite/Closedown.



Jake and the Fatman, 10.30 pm, KTV 2.

- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Folk Arts: documentary on Kuwait
- 9.30 The Hit Squad: Practical jokes, intrigues, fun, laughs and sneaky hits made by the hidden camera.
- 10.00 Bustin' Loose: Wet Weather Ahead. The mother notices that Niki's bedsheet is wet and discusses the matter with Sanni, how they have to encounter Niki. A look at this problem and how to face young children who suffer from such
- 10.30 Jake and the Fatman: The publisher Dennis offers Kevin, a new novelist to sell him his new novel provided that it must be published in Dennis' name. Kevin defers the offer and shortly thereafter was found dead.
- 11.30 News in Brief
- 11.40 Magazine D'Actualite

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A SHARP tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use — Washington Irving, US writer (1783-1859).

Soviet soldiers plunge back into real life

By Robert Evans

MOSCOW. (Reuter): "Mama, it's me. We're out," yelled the blond young soldier into the phone over the din in the Termez post office.

In the next cabin, an American radio correspondent struggled to put his recorded report over to his home office with the operator repeatedly interrupting to ask if he had finished.

At the Torkhan Hotel across the road in the dusty Soviet Uzbekistan border town, General Boris Gromov found the room he had occupied the night before had gone to someone else.

"You can't do this to me," he told the plump, blonde receptionist with a grin. "I've just become the last Soviet soldier out of Afghanistan."

The history of the moment, the end of the nine-year intervention that brought 15,000 Soviet dead and for half a decade kept East-West relations in cold storage, seemed lost on the girl.

Command

But the rugged charm of the 45-year-old general who for the last two years of its existence had commanded the 110,000-strong Soviet force in Afghanistan, won the day.

"Of course we can find another room — for you," she said, a slight blush spreading across her face.

Just two hours after crossing the steel bridge over the river Amu-Darya on Wednesday to a welcome from 5,000 townspeople bussed out to the border, life was quickly returning to normal for the general and the troops who came back with him.

Still in their grey-green combat uniforms over blue-and-white striped T-shirts, they stood in a slightly disorderly line to book their calls to the far ends of the Soviet Union, officers mingling with their men.

"You'll have to wait, I've got two foreign journalists who are in a hurry," snapped the head-hairied Uzbek woman behind the counter.

"Hey, we're supposed to be heroes," shot back a young lieutenant with a disarming smile. "Can't the foreigners wait for once?"

"Hell, I've got a whopper of a headache," moaned another young trooper, briefly lifting his face from his hands as he sat hunched forward on a bench.

Four officers crowded around one of the 10 booths lined up

Symbol of anti-nuclear campaign in Pacific

By Jeremy Cliff

KOROR, Palau. (Reuter): The scattered Pacific islands of Palau sit like emeralds on an azure sea. From the air the lazy turquoise lagoons and volcanic islands have a hypnotic tranquility. Under the sea, they are a diver's paradise.

But over the past decade, the western Pacific island chain has turned into a rallying point for anti-nuclear activists and an irritant to planners in the Pentagon.

Two presidents of Palau have died mysteriously in the past four years and the government of a country of just 14,000 people is in danger of being crippled by debts.

"With our size of population," says government spokesman Bonifacio Basilius, "placed almost anywhere on earth no one would care. But because of our location, Palau is important."

Important

Most Palauans make a living from fishing and tourism, or live off US government handouts. The United States considers Palau, a collection of some 200 islands, 1,650 km (1,000 miles) south-east of the Philippines, as strategically important.

Together with the island of Guam and the Marianas to the north they guard the routes between East Asia and the Pacific Ocean that were fiercely fought over in World War II.

Part of the US-administered United Nations trust territory of Micronesia created after the war, Palau in 1979 became the first country in the world to pass a constitution barring nuclear materials from its territory.

This put it directly at odds with the United States and turned it into a symbol for anti-nuclear campaigners throughout the Pacific.

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US wants allies to spend more on defence

Uncle Sam finally got tired of carrying burden

By Peter Grier

WASHINGTON: Future historians may look back and decide that 1988 was the year that Uncle Sam finally got tired of carrying a heavy military burden for his friends.

Sure, the United States has complained for years that its allies could pay a larger share of the huge costs of mutual defence. Whether to bring US troops home from Western Europe or the Far East is a staple congressional debate.

But this year the arguments have sounded more serious. Behind this change in tone are trends that will intensify this year:

- Tight budgets. Disbanding US units based overseas could save large sums of money.

- Friendlier Soviets. Mikhail Gorbachev's troop-cut proposal has added to a growing public perception of a less bellicose USSR.

- Less-friendly allies. Spain booted out a US military unit; evictions by other nations, notably Greece, may follow.

• New threats. The drug trade and terrorism are becoming more important national security worries.

Those still not convinced the NATO status quo is threatened need only read a recent report from a House armed services subcommittee: "The panel states in the strongest possible terms that Europeans had better be prepared to defend their territory without a large-scale US ground commitment."

In the Pentagon, they call this whole issue "the burden-sharing question." And the way it gets discussed, especially in Congress, makes officials nervous.

Not that they don't think our allies should do more. As former Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said in an interview earlier last year: "we want the laggards to reform" — meaning that nations, such as Belgium, that pay less than their fair share should up the ante.

But veiled public threats, such as the House armed services panel report, make high-ranking Pentagon officers cringe. They see the technique as counterproductive. "I don't think we

accomplish a great deal by putting a club on our allies," said the Army chief of staff, Gen. Carl Vuono, earlier this year in one of a series of interviews on broad defence-policy concerns.

Pentagon officials worry that calls for more burden-sharing by allies are in fact just calls to cut the US defence budget. Indeed, US alliance commitments could be a tempting budget-cutter's target: the private Committee for National Security estimates that about 57 per cent of the \$300 billion-plus defence budget pays for forces that are pledged to defend European soil over the course of a major conflict.

Agitation

Bringing home whole US divisions from West Germany or South Korea, and disbanding them, is probably not something Congress will vote for this year. More likely is increased congressional agitation for US alliance to pick up more of the cost of supporting the 500,000 US troops based overseas.

The House armed services panel report estimated that this sort of burden-sharing could

save the Pentagon up to \$7.7 billion a year — a sum that could make a huge difference to a Defence Department facing continued zero-growth budgets.

Members of Congress are already lining up to introduce amendments calling for such cost-shifting when the fiscal 1990 defence budget is debated next year.

Whether this debate grows into a re-examination of alliance commitments will determine whether the US has reached a turning point in its relations with the rest of the world. Yale history professor Paul Kennedy, in his controversial and best-selling recent book "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers," argued that the changing world economic situation will make such a re-examination necessary.

Kennedy wrote that as the US economic edge over its allies disappears, the country begins to risk "imperial overstretch."

"The sum total of the United States' global interests and obligations is nowadays far larger than the country's power to defend them all simultaneously,"

he wrote.

The apparent diminishing of the military threat to Europe from the Soviet Union is another factor pushing a US strategic re-examination. Earlier this year, a Pentagon report called "Discriminate Deterrence" called for less focus by the Defence Department on the possibility of big war in Central Europe.

"We should emphasize a wider range of contingencies" in military planning, the report concluded.

Importance

Among other things, this could mean paying more attention to unilateral US interests in Latin America and other areas of the Third World. It could mean more emphasis on training and forces to fight "low-intensity conflict," a Pentagon buzzword covering everything from insurrections to terrorism.

It could also mean focusing more on the Pacific basin, as the region grows in economic importance and the Soviets themselves devote more attention to the Far East. Whether to emphasize the Pacific or Europe is a US military

debate dating back to World War II, often pitting the Pacific-oriented Navy vs the Europe-oriented Army.

"I think there has been too narrow a focus in our overseas policy with the emphasis on Europe," said Chief of Naval Operations Carlisle Trost. "Having said that, how can you criticize a NATO alliance that's deteriorated over 45 years?"

Is it likely that the US can in fact co-ax its allies to shoulder more defence burden? There are encouraging signs. Western European nations are co-operating more on defence, with French-German military exercises and a revival of the West European Union, a NATO precursor. But a wholesale shift of defence spending from the US to Europe is unlikely. Budget cuts, after all, are not only a US phenomenon.

"I think it's naive to expect our European allies are going to make a major change in national priorities," said the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Larry D. Welch.

The Christian Science Monitor.



Wealthy Japanese searching for more meaningful life

By Jeff Stearns

TOKYO. (Reuter): Workaholic and wealthy Japan is discovering money isn't everything.

Bank accounts have grown healthier over the past years but the quality of Japanese life is still far below the standards of other major nations.

"We're the world's highest paid workers, but still live in rabbit-holes, pay exorbitant prices for rice, meat and land, and can't take more than a week off for a holiday," said one Japanese bank employee.

Japanese have persevered under low living standards since World War II, believing hard work and corporate dedication would lead to success, but now they feel the time has come for a better way of living, said Shigeru Matsushita, chief economist for Sanwa Bank.

"Japanese are just starting to learn to enjoy life," said Hideo Nagafuchi, a marketing and sales executive at Nissan Motor. The younger generation is having a particular influence, he said.

Growth

"Those young people who will be joining companies in April are the first born after the (1964) Olympics when Japan's economic startup is rapid economic growth) and they did not experience poverty or poor living conditions," Nagafuchi said.

They grew up in times of plenty and now their values are changing. Japanese life, even for older people, he added. "We cannot neglect this any longer," he said.

A government survey showed that 70 per cent of Japanese do not view themselves as affluent even though Japan has the world's highest income per person.

"They have told us they need Palau for military strategy, but only for denial. They don't want anyone else to get it."

But some foreign defence analysts say the United States could use Palau for jungle warfare training and possibly for harbour facilities.

for reducing work hours and lowering costs of goods, improving Japan's housing situation is quite a headache, Matsushita said.

"It is now nearly impossible for younger people to get a cheap house in mid-Tokyo," he added. "Price rises are so hot and flaming that not even a fireman can put them out."

Subsidies

Prices for housing built with government subsidies more than a hour from the centre of the city with just over 100 square metres (1,100 square feet) of living space start at 60 million yen (\$460,000), a Tokyo government official said.

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The government would like Japanese work hours reduced to 1,800 a year, a Labour Ministry official said.

Although most employees of major companies have 20 days holiday a year, many believe if they take more than five of those days they may ruin their chances of career advancement.

Prices

High prices of goods in Japan, compared with costs of the same goods in other major nations, also undermine the quality of Japanese life, said senior economist Nobuyuki Ueda of the long-term Credit Bank of Japan.

One dollar now equals around 130 yen, but Japanese actually need 200 yen to buy goods worth one dollar in other countries.

Removing import barriers and simplifying distribution channels can increase the purchasing power of the yen, Ueda said, but that may take years.

Although steps are under way

to encourage more realistic expectations of what Japanese can afford.

Turkey held out its hand when we were in difficulty," said Abdulmehmet Mahdoum, a former guerrilla and now a leader of the local Afghans, split evenly between Tokat town and Yesilurt, a nearby village.

The Tokat refugees are Turkish-speaking Turkmen tribesmen. Another 200 families of Turkic Uzbek Afghans live in a rural community on the Syrian border east of Ankara near the Black Sea coast.

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Prosperity

The Mahdoum household in Yesilurt showed the typical prosperity of the 4,000 Afghans in Turkey — colour televisions, hi-fi sets, a car and even a cordless telephone.

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Aid

The operation to bring the Afghans to Turkey was limited but a success. Direct aid was stopped in April 1988 and the community is now self-supporting.

Only half of the refugees took up the initial offer of a government job and most were soon absorbed by small businesses, starting initially with carpet-weaving by the women.

"One of us went to Istanbul and learnt how to sew leather clothes. He came back with a machine. Now there are few houses without two machines each," Mahdoum said. "If the Istanbul leather market sags, well, we just get back to the carpets."

At his leather shop and atelier in central Tokat, Resul Onari, 28, said in his lilting Central Asian Turkish accent that he had married a local girl and felt well integrated.

"I'd like to go back to Afghanistan after things have settled down, but only to visit all my relatives," he said.

Onari is one of several refugee youths to marry Tokat girls, but the Yesilurt settlement had to look further afield, finding local villagers reluctant to provide brides.

"We could hardly sit down to have tea," said Oglu Sika, an old woman weaving a fine red-and-white Turkmen carpet.

"I've been six years here now, but every time I hear an aeroplane I still look for somewhere to hide."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1613 — Michael Romanov, son of patriarch of Moscow, is elected Tsar of Russia, thus founding House of Romanov.

1652 — Treaty of Hildesheim between Sweden and north German Protestant states.

1795 — Dutch surrender Indian Ocean island of Ceylon to British.

1849 — British forces defeat Sikhs at Gujarat in India.

1916 — Battle of Verdun in France begins in World War I — the longest and bloodiest battle of the war with more than one million killed.

1919 — Bavarian Premier Kurt Eisner is assassinated in Munich.

1922 — British protectorate in Egypt ends.

1934 — French troops combat Berbers in south west Morocco.

1943 — Britain's King George VI awards swords of honour to Russians for defence of Stalingrad in World War II.

1963 — Soviet Union warns United States that an American attack on Cuba would mean world war.

1975 — 32-member UN Commission on Human Rights, in Geneva, Switzerland, accuses Israel of violating "basic

Dance and Indian sculpture — an undying relationship

THE twin arts of dance and sculpture have developed side by side under the shade of the temples in India. Any thing of beauty has always been associated with divinity by the ancients. This was to secure an additional stamp of permanency for the beautiful objects. Small wonder that both the arts of dance and sculpture were adopted as essential features of Hinduism. These arts have influenced the growth of each other enriching themselves with themes for the sculptor, and the sculpture thus created has also been in turn a silent guide to generations of dancers. This is how two arts have been helping each other in the process of their refinement.

Vishnu Darmotaram, a work in Sanskrit, categorically states that a student of sculpture should invariably have knowledge of dance. This rule is quite understandable, if one becomes familiar with the nature of Indian sculpture.

The fundamental principle in both dance and sculpture of India is the filling up of the space based on symmetry. The law of symmetry and proportion have a vital role to play in Indian dance. The words "Saushava" and "Anga Sudha" often used in connection with dance is nothing but the execution of the movements of the various limbs of the body in a symmetrically beautiful way. Such movements or postures in dance are also described as being sculpturesque. It is because of the fact that both these arts depend on the law of symmetry.

Mystic

In this respect, Indian dance is very much removed from contemporary Western dances, where the only criterion is the utilisation of every possible movement of the body. But the Western classical ballet has its own laws, based more on symmetry and proportion in spite of being highly ephemeral in nature. The very life of Indian dance is symmetry of form.

The most widely known figure of Indian sculpture is that of Lord Siva represented as a dancer, in the form of Ananda Tantrava. The fusion of dance and

The arts of dance and sculpture have grown side by side in the temples of India. In this article Dr Padma Subramanyam, the director of Nrithyodaya, in Madras, traces the relationship between these two arts.



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sculpture has resulted in conveying mystic concepts in this portrayal.

The Tiruvat (arch) represents the whole cosmos, which is his theatre where he dances in every

raised left hand holds fire — signifying power of destruction. The lower left hand points at the raised left foot, which symbolises the release from all the earthly bondage. It is the refuge of all the tired souls. The right leg crushes the demon Muyalaka.

Thus the figure of Ananda Tantrava has combined in itself religion, mysticism, philosophy and art — given as a sugar coated tablet in the form of a dance sculpture.

Influenced

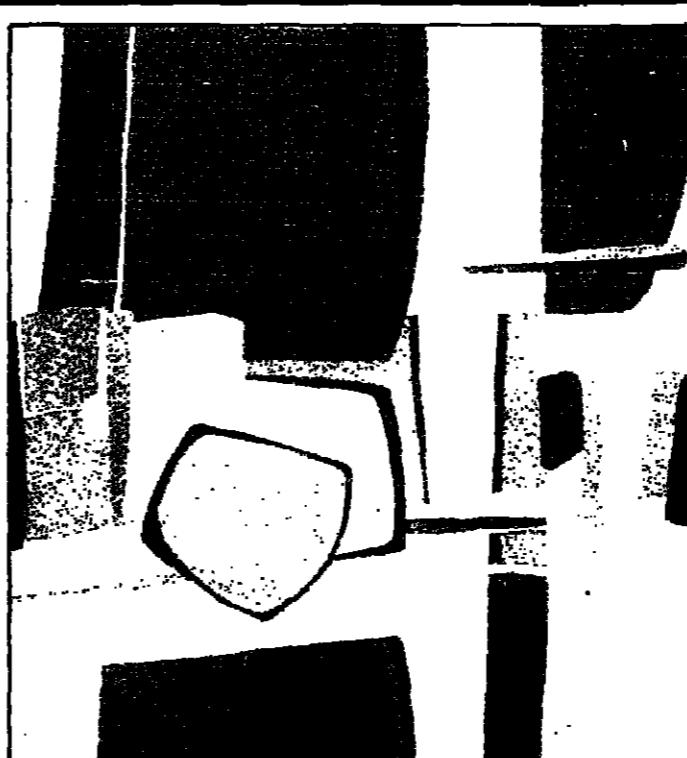
Dance has influenced sculpture so deeply that even prosaic scenes like pulling out a thorn from the sole of the foot, or daily routines like writing a letter or applying tilaka on the forehead, are all portrayed in a dance like attitude in all our sculptures.

This kind of beauty is felt throughout the length and breadth of India. Though dance sculptures and dance like sculptures are found in every part of India, Tamilnadu has the privilege of containing the basic Karamas of dance in a systematic way in the form of sculptures. The temples of Tanjavur, Kumbakonam, Chidambaram, Tiruvannamalai and Vriddachalam are worth mentioning in this context.

In these temples, we find the sculptural codifications of the basic movements described in the *Naya Sastra*. Though this technique of dance has been obsolete for over four centuries, these sculptures are extremely useful in reviving a lost tradition in dance.

These sculptures are a standing evidence for the knowledge of dance art that the sculptors had. They have been remaining there in everlasting silence, whispering the secrets of the lost traditions into the ears of only those, truly interested in the art. They are not mere architectural embellishments, but meant as visual libraries for generations of artists.

The Chidambaram Temple has the definition of each Karana inscribed along with the respective Karana figure. What more do we need to show the undying relationship between dance and sculpture in India?



Two examples of modern stained glass windows in France.



Reviving the ancient art of stained glass

By Jacques Bandenean

THE traditional stained glass window is an assemblage of pieces of coloured glass, held together by grooved lines of lead which act as a framework and follow the outlines of the design.

Above a certain size, the excessive weight, in particular, can present a risk for the solidity of the panels, which no longer conform to present-day safety standards for public buildings.

Should monumental art therefore be deprived of its most dazzling means of expression?

In Toulouse, Michel and Daniel Batallion, the very young artists of the "Atelier du Vitrail d'Art" (Art Stained-Glass Workshop) were not resigned to this situation. They had the idea of assembling antique coloured or opal glass by sticking it "glass onto glass" onto an approved support (a classical sheet of security glass or laminated glass).

In order to apply their idea,

which is based on high technology in the way the products and material are made, they thought of the space industry, its experience and its reliability.

"Silovitral" is thus the result of collaboration between a small

workshop and a basic research laboratory (the Space Studies Centre for Radiation), which is a laboratory belonging to the French National Scientific Research Centre (CNRS), officially ratified by the University of Toulouse and chosen by the French Space Studies Centre (CNES).

The adhesive used is a polyamide silicon elastomer made by Rhone-Poulenc. It is perfectly transparent. It has excellent mechanical properties (150 per cent elongation) and there is no fear of the glass breaking. It is resistant to extreme temperatures (-100 to +200°C) and to atmospheric degradation. The accelerated ageing of a prototype was tested for six months in a climatic chamber where it was exposed to extreme heat and cold, ultraviolet and infrared radiation, and fog and rain.

Characteristics

And this is well and truly stained glass. It respects the fundamental artistic characteristics descended from tradition (with which the workshop is familiar as it is experienced in this field), with classical glass, colouring in the glass and black joints contributing to the composition.

"But "Silovitral" extends these

possibilities. In contrast to the technique using lead, it is here possible to cut out very large areas, to assemble them edge to edge and to join them with a light-coloured filling.

This innovation has already been honoured by a monumental creation, the "Porte du Vent", a 25-square-metre stained glass window, with 657 pieces of glass and 62 colours, based on a cartoon by Marc d'Hamonville. It is on permanent display in the great staircase of the secondary school (CES) in Grenade-sur-Garonne.

This is not the first time that the southwest of France, a land of tradition (particularly from the gastronomic point of view) and a field of modernity (aeronautics, space, electronics, composites, etc., etc.), illustrates the words Louis Pasteur addressed to the students at the Ecole des Beaux Arts (School of Fine Arts) on March 6, 1865: "There are circumstances in which I clearly see the possible and desirable alliance of science and art, when chemists and physicists can take their places among you and enlighten you."

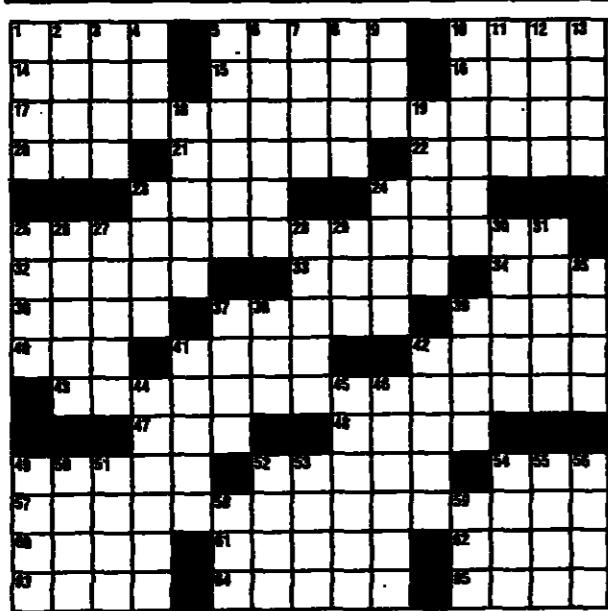
And it is indeed in this dynamic region of the southwest that the use of computers applied to mosaics has already opened up the future to this other form of ancestral art.

And it is surely not the last time. The "Second Forum of Arts of the Scientific and Technical World" (FAUST), with its international attendance, its festival of scientific films, its conferences, lectures and discussions, its 12 concerts and 6 exhibitions, was recently held in Toulouse, to present "everything that can make up an interface, between the world of research and technology, on the one hand, and the world of creation and cultural life, on the other."

This revival of the stained glass window has to be appreciated for its true worth. Its role in the development of architecture and decorative art has been fundamental in the West, and particularly in France, which alone owns more old stained glass than the rest of the world. As a precaution against bombing in the Second World War, five hectares of stained glass, from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, were deposited here.

And the modern stained glass window already reached new heights with the 1900s style and profited from contemporary trends such as Cubism, Expressionism and Abstraction and the best painters are still interested in it.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Small dog, for short
- 5 Mount Santo —, Philippines
- 10 Ole —: Norwegian violinist
- 14 Soviet mountain range
- 15 — settler
- 16 Silkworm
- 17 Hunting dog
- 20 Compass pt.
- 21 Off. worker
- 22 Remain stationary
- 23 Monkhood extension
- 24 Bulldogs' cousins
- 32 Doze
- 33 Spring
- 34 Island instrument, for short
- 36 Enthusiastic
- 37 Certain intlets
- 39 "Once —."
- 40 "Cat on a Hot — Roof"
- 41 Wings
- 42 Do a baker's work
- 43 Long-eared dogs
- 47 One of LBJ's dogs
- 48 Mine entrance
- 49 Concerning
- 52 Namesakes of Dorothy's dog
- 54 Entertainer Zadora
- 57 Guide dogs, usually
- 60 Cheese tray item
- 61 New Orleans football player
- 62 Booty

DOWN

- 63 Wriggling
- 64 Before bow, road or word
- 65 Room in a casa
- 66 DOWN
- 67 Small sturdy dogs
- 68 Amor
- 69 Hardy cabbage
- 70 Antiquity
- 71 Rin—
- 72 ...in doubt
- 73 to act —:
- 74 A. Pope
- 75 Demeanor
- 76 In re
- 77 NYSE unit
- 78 Bug
- 79 Mongoose
- 80 Encumbrance
- 81 Garnish
- 82 Chocrical
- 83 Vocal
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- 85 Epochs
- 86 Fid. goal
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- 89 MADAMS SOLE ABA
- 90 IBIS INDIA AEC
- 91 THE HOUSE OF MIRTH
- 92 TOT IDEAS NOTE
- 93 YRS LORD PINNED
- 94 VISE EON
- 95 ELSIE UXORIOUS
- 96 TOWER OF STRENGTH
- 97 CRAW MACRE GREE
- 98 HIENS EDGAR HESA

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

LIMA	WHEEL	BEND
DRAIN	AERIE	ASEA
GOTTAGE	INDUSTRY	
KNEEHOLE	NEEDS	
EMS	TASS	
MADAMS	SOLE ABA	
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THE	HOUSE OF MIRTH	
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GOREN-BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AKQ6 ♦95 ♦AKJ3 ♦J63

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

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What do you bid now?

A.—It's a difficult decision. Rule out two spades—you aren't quite good enough to guarantee game.

That leaves a slightly imperfect two no trump or an underbid of one spade.

We prefer one spade because we don't believe game can be made unless partner can bid again, and we surely don't want to bypass such a strong four-card major.

Q.2 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦KJ63 ♦A106 ♦AKJ5 ♦87

What is your opening bid?

A.—The structure that you needed at least Q x in your doubleton suit to open the bidding with one no trump has long gone by the boards. If you don't open this 16-point hand with 1 NT, you'll never be able to describe it properly.

Q.3 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦83 ♦AQ42 ♦AK63 ♦J94

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass

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What action do you take?

A.—Even though you have a maximum one no trump opening bid, there is a glaring flaw—no support for partner's suit. At no trump, partner's hand might not produce much for you. Pass.

Q.4 As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦KQ73 ♦A106 ♦AKJ5 ♦87

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass

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What do you bid now?

A.—You don't know whether partner is interested in game or slam. All you can do for the moment is pass along the good news that you have a maximum no trump opener with excellent support for his suit. You accomplish that by making your cheapest cue-bid—four diamonds.

Q.5 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦95 ♦KQ73 ♦AKJS ♦AJ6

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass

?

What action do you take?

A.—Even though you have a maximum one no trump opening bid, there is a glaring flaw—no support for partner's suit. At no trump, partner's hand might not produce much for you. Pass.

Q.6 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦83 ♦AQ42 ♦AK63 ♦J94

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ 2 ♦ ?

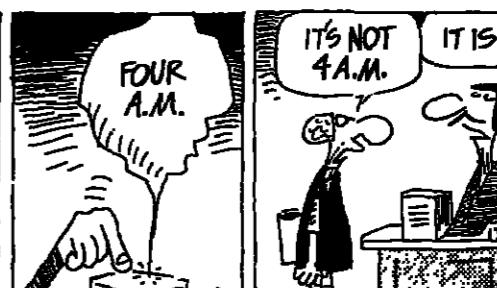
What action do you take?

A.—You could easily have the best hand at the table, yet your side might not have a playable game. As against that, we do not see how East can come to eight tricks in light of partner's vulnerable opening bid.

We would double. (If we were playing negative doubles, we would have to take the same action because partner might not be able to reopen)

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

B.C.

Dear Fat Broad,

What gives you the right to interfere in other people's lives?

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YOUR STARS



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Do not try

Vital life-saving tips

Heart attack: would you know what to do?

Thousands of heart attack victims die because help is too long in coming. Here is a guide on what to do in an emergency.

By Lynda Black

THOUSANDS of people die every year all over the world from heart attacks. And most people simply do not know what to do when a heart attack occurs.

Dr Maria Whiteley, 26, a Senior House Officer in the Accident and Emergency Department of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, helps run a new scheme called EAR—Expiratory Air Resuscitation.

She says: "Most people who start to show the tell-tale symptoms, will suffer a heart attack within the first one or two hours of feeling ill."

"They look grey, their skin is cold and sweaty. They may complain of indigestion."

"They may feel a sharp pain behind their backbone, which has often been described as being like a tight band stretched across their chest."

"The main thing is not to panic. Get help. If there are no medical staff available, call an ambulance."

"Not everyone loses consciousness, but those who do suffer a full heart attack describe how it is as if their heart is wiggling about."

Basic

"This is called ventricular fibrillation. It's when the blood stops circulating. The person will give two or three short breaths and 'die'. Four minutes later the brain dies. You have a few vital minutes in which to help the victim before the ambulance men arrive — usually in six or seven minutes."

"It will be the longest six or seven minutes you ever experience, but you will have to become a temporary life support machine."

"By carrying out Expiratory Air Resuscitation you can make



A heart attack victim

those four minutes last and last." People who want to learn basic life support (mouth to mouth breathing and cardiac massage) should really attend a class, but failing that here are some simple instructions on how to deal with unconscious people.

Always remember the formula, A.A.B.C — Approach, Airway, Breathing and Circulation.

1. APPROACH. Approaching the victim is always very important, especially if they are lying on a busy road. There may be other things to take into account, eg, the victim may be electrocuted so that you will have to isolate the source of the electricity first. Do not endanger your own life — it will only mean that the next person may have two unconscious people to deal with, instead of one!

When you see someone lying on the ground, do not assume they have had a heart attack. There are other reasons for unconsciousness — they may be diabetic, epileptic, drowned or plain drunk.

Take them by the shoulders and give them a good shake. Ask them loudly if they are alright. If they respond, but are drowsy, put them in the recovery position.

2. AIRWAY. If they do not respond, open their mouth and look inside. Check to see if there is any blood, vomit etc, and if there is, remove it. Leave dentures in place unless they are very loose, in which case they will have to be removed.

Place your hand under the neck and tilt the head back. This

brings the jaw and tongue forward, and clears the airway.

3. BREATHING. Are they breathing? Most people breathe about 12 times per minute — once every five seconds, and keep checking that the pulse is still present.

If there is NO pulse you will have to start cardiac massage (External Chest Compression — ECC):

a) Make sure the victim is lying on his back on a firm surface (the best). If he is in bed, you will have to pull him onto the floor.

b) Find the top of the breastbone, where there is a notch at the base of the neck. Find the bottom of the breastbone, where the ribs join and the stomach starts to feel soft. Then find the lower third of the breastbone — this is about 2-3 fingers' widths up from the bottom of the bone. Place the heel of your dominant hand on this spot.

c) Place your other hand on top and interlink your fingers, allowing only the heel of your hand to be in contact with the victim's body.

d) Lock your elbows straight and keep your shoulders above your hands.

e) Give 15 firm compressions, with a pumping action — a bit faster than one per second.

else, you must do it yourself. Tell the ambulance service that someone is not breathing and tell them exactly where you are. Now you should perform mouth to mouth breathing (or Expired Air Resuscitation — EAR) like this:

Airway

a) Clear the airway (as described above).

b) Pinch the nose.

c) Take a deep breath, cover the victim's entire mouth with yours and breathe into them. Watch the chest rise. Do not blow so hard that the stomach inflates as well.

d) Take another breath yourself and then give the victim a second breath.

4) CIRCULATION: Check the pulse. It is better not to use the pulse at the wrist, which could be very weak. Instead, find the carotid pulse in the neck. Feel for the Adam's apple and then find the groove between it and the big muscle down either side of the neck. The pulse is located in this groove. If you cannot find a pulse on one side, try the other. If there is a pulse, continue to breathe for the patient at your normal breathing rate, ie, about once every five seconds, and keep checking that the pulse is still present.

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Dr Luo, a Chinese doctor who treats eczema patients with herbal medicine.

Herbal help for eczema

By Sarah Stacey

AT SOME stage in their lives, one person in 10 will suffer from eczema. It is particularly prevalent in children. Western medicine appears to have a limited capacity to help but a treatment evolved from the principles of traditional Chinese medicine is changing the lives of most of those who take it.

Every day, queues for Dr Ding-Hui Luo's small surgery wind round the streets of London's Chinatown. Some come at daybreak in order to be seen first. Each one believes the results to be worth the long wait.

Since they have no comparable treatment, consultants at Great Ormond Street, St Thomas' and St John's Hospitals, as well as family doctors, are sending problem patients to Dr Luo.

Dr David Atherton, senior paediatric dermatologist at Great Ormond Street, first heard about her three years ago through her patients. "I became quite fascinated because it was obvious that this was a dramatically effective treatment," he says. "About 80 per cent of our patients were more or less clear the eczema."

He believes that the difference in patients' response to her treatment and to drugs he can prescribe is because of powerful compounds in the plant medication.

Care

Both traditional and Western health care are taught and practised in China. After a training in both disciplines, Dr Luo came to London in 1982 to practise the ancient art of Chinese medicine, which incorporates the use of more than 3,000 herbs. "At home," she says, "bad skin is always referred to the herbal doctor."

She developed the treatment in response to the large number of eczema patients. It consists of a diet (which excludes shellfish, beef and cows' milk), a sweet-smelling emollient ointment to relieve the itching and a bitter infusion of plant substances which must be made freshly each day.

This "Chinese tea," as she calls it, is made up of eight to 10 compounds chosen from a range of about 30. Included are bits of bark, dried mushrooms, seed pods, roots and leaves.

One mother swore she spotted a bit of snake skin, but Dr Luo told me that she does not like to use it in England, though it is widely used in China.

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with blood and the heart. Dr Luo emphasises that "everything works together", so all skin conditions are affected by the digestive system, the heart and the circulatory system.

Many patients come to her when orthodox medicine, and other alternative medicines have failed. A lady of 25, who preferred not to give her name, told me that Dr Luo's treatment had changed her life.

In four months, the rashes all over her body, which had made her life miserable since infancy, had almost completely disappeared.

Long-term results cannot be monitored yet, but the most astonishing thing for patients is that there appear to be no toxic side-effects.

"To get the same result," says Dr Atherton, "we would have to use treatments such as internal steroids and, in some cases, even stronger drugs, which have very definite toxic effects." These include swelling, growth and weight increase plus diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting and headaches.

A therapy powerful enough to conquer even the most severe cases of eczema, such as facial eczema, would be a great scientific advance.

The problem is that Dr Luo does not know precisely what she does it. Because her source of information, the Chinese pharmacopoeia, is based on thousands of years of trial and error, she is not certain which plant contains which biologically active compounds or why there are no side-effects.

She is one of the few doctors known to be able to treat eczema successfully. Her dearest wish is to spread the treatment worldwide. To this end, she agreed to collaborate with a research team led by Atherton.

To date, each patient has been prescribed for individually, as usual in Chinese medicine. Dr Luo is working on standardising formulae but there is still a major difficulty centred on her use of several compounds.

She maintains that it is only a balanced mixture of plants which makes her treatment effective. The Western pharmaceutical firms dislike such a pluralist approach. Their research centres on isolating one active principle and producing a drug from that.

Atherton says: "They seem unable to contemplate a situation where different compounds work synergistically."

Without commitment from a major pharmaceutical firm, this treatment may never be widely available. Meanwhile, the queues grow as Dr Luo's reputation spreads.

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This means he and his colleagues will be left as before, with no effective treatment for one of the most distressing and common illnesses.

Africa tackles AIDS problem

By Colleen Lowe Morna

HARARE, Zimbabwe — After years of controversy and denial, Africa has begun to address a very sensitive subject — its growing problem of AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).

In association with the World Health Organization (WHO), every African country has launched a national programme to fight, primarily through education, the spread of this disease.

This marks a dramatic change for Africa. Until recently, most of the continent's attention focused on a debate over the origins of AIDS. Westerners originally concluded that the virus began in Africa — a notion supported by questionable evidence and deeply offensive to most Africans.

But scientists in the United States have since withdrawn their hypothesis that AIDS jumped from a monkey to human beings in Central Africa. Researchers have admitted that early research in Africa was faulty, and the international scientific community now generally accepts that AIDS is a new to Africa as it is elsewhere.

Overall, the WHO estimates

that 2 million to 3 million Africans are infected with the virus, known as HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) said to cause the disease. The highest incidence is in East and Central Africa, where the virus appeared to have flourished in conditions of war, poverty, and physical dislocation, spreading south along established trade routes.

In the long term, according to the WHO, if the spread of the virus continues, AIDS could lead to a negative population growth rate in Africa.

Fighting AIDS in Africa presents several problems.

Because homosexuality and drug abuse are relatively uncommon, the virus is transmitted almost exclusively through heterosexual intercourse. It affects men and women, and is increasingly reaching children under five, as infected women give birth.

Spread of the disease through blood transfusions and hypodermic needles — seen as a common cause in the West — is relatively rare here.

The sensitive nature of the subject has hampered an all-out education effort. "Because of the AIDS is a 'foreign' disease," she says.

In many countries, there is also a debate over the content of education programmes. While governments have taken a secular approach — stressing the need to limit the number of one's sexual partners and to use condoms — the older generation and churches see in AIDS a chance to revive traditional Christian values of chastity and one marriage partner for life. In Uganda, the Roman Catholic Church has modified the government slogan — "love carefully" to its own — "love faithfully."

Compulsory testing is almost unanimously rejected. It is costly, would have to be repeated every six months, and raises ethical questions.

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Condoms are increasingly seen by health professionals and government officials here to be of limited help. Says one doctor: "They have a short shelf life in the tropics; they are not foolproof, they are unpopular as a contraceptive, and it is virtually impossible to ensure their constant supply in rural areas."

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campaign in his country. Kenya is among several African countries that, with WHO's help, will be training an army of volunteer counsellors in 1989.

As more cases appear, health officials are also turning their attention to care for AIDS patients — which can be difficult. In some countries, where AIDS patients take up to one quarter of hospital beds, the disease is placing a heavy strain on resources.

Finally, the spread of AIDS may have far-reaching economic costs for Africa. An underdeveloped continent with few university-educated people, Africa could suffer tremendously from a disease which has targeted its elite. The best and brightest of Africa — who tend to live in cities, where the disease has spread most quickly, and who have the money to hire prostitutes (who have a high risk of having the virus) — have been hit hardest by AIDS.

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Each descriptive term is associated with a bodily function: the wind with the liver, wetness with the kidney and heat with the spleen.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Mexico's oil minister offers to cut exports by up to 6pc

MEXICO CITY, Feb 20, (AP): Mexico's energy minister offered yesterday to reduce oil exports by up to six per cent if other independent producers limit their exports and OPEC producers stick to their production agreement.

"We are ready to reduce our export platform if it serves for something, if everyone does the same, if OPEC fulfills its objectives and if the other non-OPEC countries are ready to contribute," Fernando Hiriart told reporters yesterday.

Asked how much Mexico was willing to cut exports, Hiriart said it "would not be more than five or six per cent" of the country's current level.

Mexico, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, exported around 1.35 million barrels of crude a day last year.

Offer

Hiriart said the offer would be taken up at a Feb 21 meeting of independent producers and members of the OPEC organisation.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's 1989 budget, presented to the Mexican Congress in December, assumes target prices of \$10 a barrel and an export reduction of about five per cent to 1.2 million barrels a day.

As export prices for Mexican crude dropped below \$10 a barrel in October, Hiriart blasted OPEC producers for over-production and engaging in a price war that jeopardised Mexico's share in its principal market, the United States.

Oil sales are Mexico's leading source of foreign income.

Mexico, the world's sixth-largest oil producer, so far its stand after OPEC agreed to cut production by four million barrels a day to 18.5 million barrels a day.

Vietnam signs oil exploration contract with UK firm

SAIGON, Feb 20: (Reuter) - Vietnam's national oil and gas company has signed a contract with British Petroleum Development Limited (BP) for oil exploration of the coast of central Vietnam, according to an official news report seen today.

The Vietnam news agency, monitored in Bangkok, said the 25-year contract was signed on Thursday in Hanoi, Vietnam, by Truong Thien, president of the Petrovietnam and D.C. Hardinge, a director of the British company.

The contract calls for the British company to spend about \$60 million over the first five years on exploration. If oil is found, the company will continue to invest money and technology to expand exploitation, and will retrieve its investments and share profits "according to international practice on the basis of mutual interest."

Exploration

The exploration and drilling is to take place over an area of about 15,000 square kilometres (9,375 square miles) off the coast of Da Nang in central Vietnam, the agency said.

The news agency said this was the fourth such contract for oil exploration and exploitation signed with foreign companies since Vietnam adopted a foreign investment law in December 1987.

Broker arrested on charges of embezzling \$2.6 million

BOSTON, Feb 20, (Reuter): A Dean Witter Reynolds Inc broker sought on charges that he bilked clients of \$2.6 million was arrested at the US-Canadian border, customs officials said.

Walter Curran, 46, a broker in Dean Witter's Boston office, had been sought on charges of mail and bank fraud. He was arrested by US customs agents at the Massena, New York, border crossing as he re-entered the United States after a trip to Montreal, said US Customs Service spokesman Edward Callanan.

Friends

He was carrying about \$130,000 at the time of his arrest, Callanan said, and thus will face additional charges because the money had not been declared to US customs as required by federal law.

James Ahern, head of the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), said Curran was accused of bilking friends of \$2.6 million.

Japan's industrial productivity on the rise

Businesses investing in new plants at a record pace

TOKYO: Japan, the economic superpower, seems destined to get even stronger.

For two years the Japanese economy has been on a tear. It has rebounded from the shock of the yen's sharp rise; the domestic market has replaced exports as the economy's engine of growth.

Japanese industry has undergone rapid restructuring, with businesses investing in new plants and equipment at a record pace and creating new ventures at home while moving manufacturing plants abroad.

The economy has responded with the highest growth rate of any major industrial nation — a projected 5.7 per cent for 1988. This year the economy may slow down somewhat, to about 4.5 per cent by most estimates, but it will still outpace that of the United States and West Europe.

Competitive

But Japan's strength is also its weakness. Japanese economists predict that the nation's huge trade surplus will rise again this year, after shrinking in 1988. The Mitsubishi Research Institute, in its outlook for 1989, called this the "biggest problem facing the Japanese economy." It "may again cause serious trade frictions between Japan and the US at the time of the summit," a

Japanese industry has adjusted so well to the effect of the strong yen that it is again highly competitive in world markets. Japan continues to suck in imports, particularly manufactured goods, a trend that is likely to continue.

In the last few months, the volume of Japanese exports has started to expand as well.

Most Japanese forecasters predict the overall trade surplus will at least hold steady, and will probably go up slightly, from \$94 billion to \$95.5 billion.

The balance of payments, which takes into account the outflow of Japanese investment and spending by tourists, may decline, however.

The Japanese trade officials believe the first half of 1988 will be the worst. They anticipate a slowdown in Western Europe and the US later in the year that will still outpace that of the United States and West Europe.

Anticipate

They foresee two key crisis points — the report of the US trade representative to Congress at the end of March, which could trigger retaliatory trade measures against Japan, and the June Western economic summit in Paris.

At the time of the summit, a

trade official says, the trade balance will be rising, and "the government is very worried about that figure (appearing) just before the economic summit."

Analysts anticipate renewed pressures at the summit for easing access to the Japanese market.

Despite these concerns, Japanese policymakers believe that Japan and the US will avoid a serious rift. "Discussion will become hotter based on the Japanese surplus," says a senior economic official, "but it cannot be diminished that easily."

Many American critics charge that Japan's continued surplus is evidence of markets that continue to be closed to foreign goods. American exports have benefited from the dollar's decline, which makes them cheaper for foreigners to buy, but the imbalance has been slow to change.

The Japanese are in no mood to accept such arguments. Imports into Japan have been rising at a 25 per cent rate, with Europeans and Asians benefiting most of all. Meanwhile, Americans remain hungry for imports.

Capital

The Bush administration, he predicts, "will need leverage to hinder that kind of movement." It will have to find it in "co-operation with Japan and the Pacific Rim countries." Japanese officials point to co-operation between Japan and the US at the

recent GATT trade negotiations in Montreal as a positive sign.

"At the same time," the senior official argues, "the US will need capital from Japan" to finance the US budget deficit. Given current US economic policies, Japanese generally anticipate that "the government deficit cannot be diminished that easily."

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Japanese analysts offer structural explanations for the shift in trade patterns. Japan is benefiting from fall in oil price. High levels of capital investment in the US and Europe have driven expanded demand for Japanese machinery and parts.

The Japanese are also setting up factories in places such as Indiana and Thailand — and exporting new machinery for those plants. Such investment increased 100 per cent through September 1988.

According to this analysis, the thrust for imports in Japan will continue, but the export drive could slacken as an anticipated slowdown in the US and Europe takes hold later this year.

Production abroad will replace exports from Japan and also cause more "reverse imports" of Japanese company products into Japan.

Still, Japan's strength also has deep roots. **Salomon Brothers**, Tokyo-based economist Kermut Schoenholz says the key is "productivity growth." Industrial productivity has been rising at a 6 to 8 per cent rate since the second half of 1987.

Rather than spending their profits on corporate takeovers, Japanese companies have been ploughing them into new equipment and factories at a record rate.

A new wave of factory automation is taking place. This past year, equipment investment accounted for 21 per cent of Japan's gross national product. This will translate into further productivity gains this year.

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World Business Summary

Top Mexican brokers indicted on fraud charges

MEXICO CITY, Feb 20, (AP): Four top officers from two of Mexico's biggest brokerage firms were indicted yesterday on charges of illegal trading and criminal fraud stemming from an inquiry into the 1987 stock market crash. Treasury Secretary Pedro Aspe said earlier in the week that the violations included insider trading in stocks and foreign currencies, the sale of non-existent Treasury certificates, and trading in securities without clients' consent. Indicted were Eduardo Legoretta Chauvel, board chairman of Operadora de Bolsa, one of Mexico's two leading trading firms, and Jaime Ceballos Cervantes, the company's director of investment promotions. Also indicted were Juan Carlos Fernandez Cueto and Jose Francisco Rodriguez Dupont of Mexicana de Valores e Inversiones, the other major brokerage firm. The four men face prison terms of from two to 10 years for violating the national securities law and from three to 12 years for violating the federal penal code, officials said. The indictments were announced during a news conference in Mexico's Eastern Penitentiary, where the men are being held. The investigation followed complaints filed by at least 200 investors against all but one of Mexico's 24 registered brokerage firms after stockholders incurred losses estimated at \$7 million in the October 1987 crash. Treasury Department officials said they began receiving complaints of fraud after the stock market index plunged 74 per cent in 28 trading days. Officials have not said how much money was involved. But Gustavo Diaz, president of a group of investors who say they were defrauded, has estimated the brokerage firms netted \$43.5 million in profits from alleged illegal trading. The stock market investigation is part of an overall crackdown on labour and white collar corruption in Mexico by President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who took office last Dec 1.

New effort needed to end Third World debt crisis

WASHINGTON, Feb 20, (Reuter): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar called on the United States and other major industrialised nations today to take the lead in resolving the Third World's debt crisis. Perez de Cuellar labelled the debt burden "The development crisis of the eighties in the Third world." He made his remarks in a speech prepared for the opening session of a three-day international development conference and released today. The UN leader said the crisis is worse than the 1930s depression, with Latin American per capita income lower than at the start of the decade, living standards declining in Africa and 800 million Third World people without enough food. "There is a clear need for concerted action by debtor and creditor nations to develop co-operative, durable and growth-oriented solutions to the debt problem," he said. Perez de Cuellar said the present strategy had not produced results and "a new political impulse is needed." He called on the G-7 nations, the world's major industrial democracies, to give the same high priority to reducing Third World debt and assuring continued Third World financing as they did to stabilising currencies and avoiding recession. Perez de Cuellar said greater debt forgiveness and new aid could open the way for the economic diversification and the development Third World countries desperately need. He called on the rich nations to target 0.7 per cent of their gross national products for aid, allowing current aid to the Third World to be doubled. Perez de Cuellar said the Third World debt problem had already injured the United States by drying up overseas markets and costing several hundred thousand jobs and said it also posed "a potential threat to the international financial system."

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ASDA GP	147.0	147.0	146.0
BAA	308.0	308.0	307.0
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BAT INDs	556.0	556.0	555.0
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BPI INDs	258.0	258.0	257.0
BR COMM	233.0	233.0	232.0
BR AIRWAY	193.2	193.2	192.0
BR AEROSP	535.0	535.0	534.0
BR GAS RG	175.0	175.0	174.0
BR LAND	348.0	348.0	347.0
B.P.	275.0	275.0	274.0
B.P. PP	170.0	170.0	169.0
BR STEEL	80.75	80.75	80.75
BR TELCOM	279.0	279.0	278.0
BURHAR OL	535.0	535.0	534.0
BURTON	67.79	67.79	67.79
CABLE&WIR	427.0	427.0	426.0
CADBURY'S	357.0	357.0	356.0
CALOR GRP	398.0	398.0	397.0
CRITN CON	852.0	852.0	851.0
CRITN R T	850.0	850.0	849.0
COOKSONS	318.0	318.0	317.0
COURTAULD	300.0	300.0	299.0
DALGETY	352.0	352.0	351.0
DIXONS	159.0	159.0	158.0
ENG CHINA	512.0	512.0	511.0
ENTER OIL	549.0	549.0	548.0
FKI BABCK	158.0	158.0	157.0
FERRANTI	107.0	107.0	106.0
FISONS	288.0	288.0	287.0
GATEWAY	169.0	169.0	168.0
GEN ACCID	982.0	982.0	981.0
GEN ELEC	231.0	231.0	230.0
GLAXO	270.5	270.5	270.0
GRANADA	366.0	366.0	365.0
GLOBE	164.0	164.0	163.0
GLYNNED	338.0	338.0	337.0
GUARD RYL	215.0	215.0	214.0
GRIN	367.0	367.0	366.0
GUINNESS	410.0	410.0	409.0
HORNERS A	803.0	803.0	802.0
RANSON	181.5	181.5	181.0
HARRIS C	721.0	721.0	720.0
HUMKER SID	650.0	650.0	649.0
HILLSDOWN	283.0	283.0	282.0
ICI	195.0	195.0	194.0
STC	333.0	333.0	332.0
SCOT-NEW	427.0	427.0	426.0
SEARS	123.0	123.0	122.0
SEDGEWICK	260.0	260.0	259.0
SHELL	376.0	376.0	375.0
SIEBE	478.0	478.0	477.0
SLOUGH ES	327.0	327.0	326.0
AUST REED	555.0	555.0	554.0
STD.CHART	120.0	120.0	119.0
STORENE	170.5	170.5	170.0
SUN ALLIA	995.0	995.0	994.0
SUN LIFE	990.0	990.0	989.0
TARNAC	296.0	296.0	295.0
TATE&LYLE	258.0	258.0	257.0
TYLR WOOD	586.0	586.0	585.0
TRAF HSE	358.0	358.0	357.0
TSB	121.0	121.0	120.0
TANKRE	258.0	258.0	257.0
TAXI	82.4	82.4	82.0
BARDON GP	154.0	154.0	153.0
BARRIT DEV	189.0	189.0	188.0
BAYNES C.	271.0	271.0	270.0
BBA GROUP	199.0	199.0	198.0
BEAR B.WT	1/2	1/2	1/2
BEAR BRND	11/0	11/0	11/0
BEATTIE J	164.0	164.0	163.0
BEIJAN GP	190.0	190.0	189.0
BELHAVEN	47.0	47.0	46.0
BELLWAY	237.0	236.0	235.0

LONDON LONDON STOCKS

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/6	13/0
1ST LEISER	185/0	185/0
1ST NAT F	251/0	251/0
1ST SCOT	455/0	453/0
2ND ALLCE	845/0	844/0
600 GROUP	124/0	125/0
A. AMER TS	410/0	411/0
A.B.ELECT	418/0	418/0
A.S.HLD	221/4	223/0
AAB KENT	87/0	88/0
AAH HLD	396/0	397/0
AARSON	121/0	120/0
ADDISON	29/0	29/0
ADWEST	171/0	171/0
ALEX WRK	185/0	186/0
ALEXON	362/0	363/0
ALL COLL	135/4	137/0
ALL RD	269/0	270/0
ALL RD	144/0	143/0
ALL RD	73/0	73/0
ALLIANCE	959/0	959/0
AMBER DAY	48/4	49/0
AMEC	402/0	404/0
APV PLC	150/0	151/0
APPLEYARD	427/0	425/0
ARMSTRONG	143/0	143/0
ASHLEY GP	75/0	75/0
ASHLEY LA	112/0	112/0
AHS TST	130/0	130/0
AHSMER	557/0	547/0
AIH HLD	350/0	350/0
AIH HLD	145/0	144/0
ANGLA TV	269/0	269/0
ANGLO O'S	252/4	252/4
ANNSBACHER	78/0	78/0
APPLEYARD	427/0	425/0
ARMSTRONG	143/0	143/0
ASHLEY GP	75/0	75/0
ASHLEY LA	112/0	112/0
AUS REED	251/0	252/0
AUT REED	388/0	385/0
AUTO SECS	272/0	272/0
AVEL PLC	994/0	1000/0
AVESCO	130/0	130/0
AVIS EUR	383/0	383/0
AVON RUBB	636/0	637/0
BAILL JAP	531/0	531/0
BAILL SHI	96/0	96/0
BAIRD (W)	246/0	246/0
BANKER IT	82/4	83/0
BARDON GP	154/0	154/0
BARRY DEV	189/0	189/0
BAYNES C.	27/1	27/1
BBA GROUP	199/0	200/0
BEAR BRND	11/0	11/0
BEATTIE J	164/0	165/0
BEIJAN GP	190/0	190/0
BELHAVEN	47/0	47/0
BELLWAY	237/0	236/0
BENLOX HD	59/0	60/0
BERKELEY	213/0	214/0
BHH GROUP	114/4	116/0
BLCK LE 2	10/6	10/4
BINNETT +F	125/0	124/0
BOASE MAS	247/4	250/0
BODDINGTH	182/0	181/0
BODY SHOP	550/0	553/0
BOOT HNR	445/0	448/0
BORTHWICK	48/0	48/0
BOB ARROW	117/0	117/0
BRONWYN	150/0	150/0
BROWN SHI	343/0	346/0
BRYANT GP	129/0	129/0
BSG INTL	72/4	72/4
BUDGENS	121/0	121/0
BULLOUGH	497/0	496/0
BULMENN HP	172/0	173/0
CARD GRP	383/0	385/0
CARDON	377/0	378/0
CALENDA	395/0	395/0
CAMP ELEC	258/0	258/0
CAMPAS GR	231/0	232/0
CANWING	234/0	234/0
CANNON ST	294/0	295/0
CAPE RADIO	655/0	657/0
CARADON	377/0	378/0
CARDO	152/0	151/0
CATTLE HD	67/0	68/0
CAUDLON	10/4	10/4
CENTL ITV	713/0	718/0
CHAN FRPR	188/0	187/0
CHARTERA	22/4	23/0
CHAS CHOR	94/0	95/0
CHLORIDE	56/0	56/0
CHRISTIES	726/0	731/0
CI GROUP	51/0	51/0
CNTRL SEC	59/4	59/4
CNTRY OIL	182/0	181/0
COALITE	383/0	393/0
COATES FR	327/0	325/0
COLLINS A	73/0	73/0
COLLOROLL	171/0	172/0
COMPAS GR	323/0	326/0
CONNELLS	263/0	260/0
COSTAIN	321/0	321/0

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1989

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Ontario Hydro is issuing a 500 mln Canadian dollar Eurobond due March 29, 1999 paying 10-7/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct. Merrill Lynch capital markets said on behalf of lead manager Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. (XLCY 0811).
 London: BP America Inc is issuing a seven-year 200 mln dir Eurobond paying a coupon of 10 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (XLCI 1251)
 London: The Abbey National Building Society is issuing a 100 mln dir Eurobond due Dec 15, 1998 with a coupon of 10-5/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (XLCI 1328)
 London: Yasuda Trust and Finance Hong Kong Ltd is issuing a 120 mln dir Eurobond due March 23, 1999 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 101-2/3 pct, joint-lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said. (XLBD 1046)
 London: The British Government is issuing a 100 mln dir Eurobond due June 15, 1999 paying 8-1/2 pct and priced at 101-2/3 pct, lead manager Salomon Brothers said. (XLCB 1373)
 Paris: The French certificate of deposit market has been given a new lease of life by an unpublished change in Bank of France regulations, and the subsequent opening of two substantial programmes, bankers said. (XLCP 1337)
 London: The dollar's recent rise has lifted volume and morale in the US Treasury bond market in London, but probably not enough to stop the fall in the number of players, operators say. (Economic Spotlight: ECSSA-F)
 Tokyo: Oh Paper Co. Ltd will issue here in a public offering 50 billion yen in 12-year unsecured convertible bonds, the company said. (XKZT 0804)

Currency rates

	DM.	0.15604	0.15713
S. fr.	0.18386	0.18520	
F. fr.	0.04576	0.04615	
I. lira	0.0002120	0.0002137	
Jap. yen	0.0022767	0.0022943	
Bh. dinar	0.75899	0.76345	
UAE Dh.	0.07790	0.07835	
S. riyal	0.07626	0.07674	
Buying	Selling	Period	Bid Offered
US dollar	0.28618	0.28770	1 month 7-5/8 8-1/16
Sterling	0.50739	0.51096	3 months 7-7/8 8-5/16
		6 months 8 8-7/16	
		1 year 8-1/16 8-1/2	

Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered
	1 month	7-5/8	8-1/16
	3 months	7-7/8	8-5/16
	6 months	8	8-7/16
	1 year	8-1/16	8-1/2

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	92.50	96	93	MICO	600	590	600	
ACC	319	319	GRASIN	42.50	42	43	MUKAND	80	79	81	
ASIA PAINT	205	207.50	213.75	GSCF	99.75	99	100	MOCIL	765	760	780
BAJAJ AUTO	578.75	577.50	581.25	KIND LEVER	125	126.25	132.50	OKRAY	22	22	22.50
BAR. RAYON	312.50	305	318.75	HINDALCO	187	188.50	190	PFIZER	72	71	76
BOM. DYEING	122	122.25	122.50	HINDCOCO	106.75	110	108.75	PRAUTO	42.50	43	44.50
BR. BOND	119	118	115	HINDMOTOR	31.25	31.25	32	RAYMOND	72	71	72.50
BSE INDEX	643.61	648.75	IND ORG	33	32.50	34	RELIANCE	136.50	135.50	138	
CENTURYSPE	1501	1515	1550	INDRAYON	84	84	88	SIEMENS	76	76	80
COLGATE	322.50	325	328.75	INDROL	272.50	272.50	277.50	SPIC	45	45	47
DEEPAK FERT	36	36	36.50	ITC	50	49	50.50	STDIMILLS	235	225	225
EI. HOTEL	56	55	56	JKSYNTH	75.50	76	77	TATA PWR	350	345	347.50
ESKAPEY	131.25	130	133.75	L AND T	100	101	102	TATACHEM	108.50	108	113.50
ESSAR	21	20.50	22.50	MAHINDRA	90	93	91.50	TELECO	747.50	747.50	761.25
GAR. POLY	71.25	70	75	MASTERSH	15.15	15.15	15.35	TISCO	1186	1190	1197
GE. SHIP	35.25	35	36	MATHER PL	48.50	50	48	VOLTAS	590	590	605

FRANKFURT

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUBI CP	1700	1690
AJJINOMOTO	2780	2820	MITSUB EST	2920
AKAI ELEC	695	690	MITSUB HVY	1190
AKOI	1420	1410	MITSUI CO	1240
ASAHI GLS	1950	1940	MITSUKOSHI	2410
ASAHI OPT	772	774	MITSUMI EL	970
BANKE TOKYO	1660	1670	MICHICOM	1250
BRIDGESTON	1360	1380	NIKON CHAT	1270
CANON	1400	1420	NIKKO SEC	2180
CASIO COMP	1380	1380	NIP ELEC	1810
CHUGAI PHM	1660	1660	NIP KKOKAN	1030
CITIZEN W	916	925	NIP OIL	1780
D-ICHI KAN	3650	3600	NIP STEEL	970
DAI NIP IK	940	947	NIP YUSEN	948
DAI NIP PI	2440	2450	NIS MOTOR	1400
DAI NIP SC	960	972	NONURA SEC	3980
DAI NIP TO	932	960	OBHA CO	935
DAICEI	895	904	OLYMPUS	1170
FUJITSU	1440	1440	SAKYO	2140
FUJI BANK	3680	3680	SANYO ELEC	780
FUJI PHOTO	3200	3250	SEIYU ST	2510
FUJISAMA	1710	1760	SEKISUI PB	1940
FUJITA CP	1550	1520	SHARP	1140
HITACHI	1540	1540	SHISEIDO	1703
HONDA MOT	1930	1970	SONY	6840
ISETAN	2440	2430	SUNTOMO	1490
ITO YOKADO	4070	4090	TAISEI	1720
JAP SYM RU	1140	1140	TAISHO MRN	1550
JAPAN AIR	16100	16600	TAKEDA CH	2370
JAPAN MET	870	873	TEIJIN	828
KAJIMA	2390	2300	TKO NEW IX	470.37
KANSAI EL	5250	5280	TOHO NEW	473.33
KAD SOAP	1600	1640	TOKIO MRN	2330
KAWASAKI H	958	955	TOKYO ELEC	1270
KAWASAKI S	1000	1020	TOKYO GAS	1300
KIRIN BREW	1910	1930	TOKYO POWR	7300
KOMATSU	1210	1200	TORAY IND	948
KUBOTA LTD	975	971	TOSHIBA EL	1160
KYOCERA	4650	4740	TOTO KYOOG	842
MAKITA EL	1510	1510	TOTYA NOT	2490
MARUJI	2740	2770	YAMAHA	1460
MATSU EI	2340	2320	YAMATI	2080
MATSU EL	0	2660	YAMANOUCHI	3610
MEIJI SEIK	1000	1050	YAMAZAKI	1450

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO SHARES MIXED AS NIKKEI EDGES TO RECORD CLOSE
 TOKYO, Feb 20, REUTER - SHARE PRICES GENERALLY CLOSED LOWER, BACKING DOWN FROM EARLY HIGHS ON CONCERN OVER THE RECENT FAST RISE OF THE MARKET. BUT INDEX FUTURES-RELATED BUYING NEAR THE CLOSE LIFTED THE NIKKEI INDEX SLIGHTLY, BRINGING IT TO A NEW RECORD CLOSE, BROKERS SAID.

THE NIKKEI FIRMED 3.69 POINTS TO A RECORD FINISH OF 32,177.08 AFTER RISING 89.81 POINTS TO THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE OF 32,173.39 ON FRIDAY.

BUT IN THE BROADER MARKET, DECLINES LED RISES BY SEVEN TO FIVE WITH 515 ISSUES LOWER, 359 HIGHER AND 213 UNCHANGED IN LIGHT TURNOVER OF 1.2 BILLION SHARES AGAINST 1.8 BILLION.

THE NIKKEI ROSE 129.26 TO A MORNING HIGH OF 32,302.65 IN EARLY TRADE ON BULLISH SENTIMENT AFTER U.S. DECEMBER TRADE DATA ON FRIDAY WAS IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS, PUSHING UP WALL STREET AND LEAVING THE DOLLAR LITTLE CHANGED AGAINST THE YEN, BROKERS SAID.

WORRIES THAT THE MARKET MAY BE OVERHEATING AND THAT MARGIN REQUIREMENTS MIGHT THEREFORE BE TIGHTENED SENT THE NIKKEI AS LOW AS 81.35 POINTS TO 30,092.40 IN MID-AFTERNOON TRADE.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, SLIPPED 2.96 POINTS TO 2,470.37 AFTER IT ALSO BEGAN THE DAY WITH GAINS. IT ENDED 6.63 POINTS LOWER ON FRIDAY.

"THE MARKET IS VERY QUIET. IT'S A BLUE MONDAY AND A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE WAS EXPECTED ALREADY LAST WEEK," SAID SHIGERU AKIBA, HEAD TRADER AT UBS PHILLIPS AND DREW INTERNATIONAL LTD.

"IT'S NATURAL SELLING TO TAKE SOME PROFITS, BUT SENTIMENT IS STILL GOOD," HE SAID.

PART OF HIS BULLISHNESS STEMS FROM A HIGHER FUTURES MARKET. "THIS MEANS THAT IN THE FUTURE, THE MARKET IS EXPECTED TO GO UP," HE SAID.

LARGE CAPITAL ISSUES CAPTURED THE SPOTLIGHT AGAIN TODAY, AS THEY DID THROUGH MOST OF LAST WEEK.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, Feb 20, REUTER - REMAINED BULLISH SENTIMENT BOOSTED SHARE PRICES SHARPLY AFTER LAST WEEK'S CONSOLIDATION. THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 53.59 POINTS TO 3,159.84 AND THE HONG KONG INDEX 35.44 TO 2,087.73.

TURNOVER TOTALLED 1.70 BILLION H.K. DLRs, JUST UNDER FRIDAY'S 1.76 BILLION.

"TECHNICALLY THE MARKET WAS LOOKING READY TO BOUNCE BACK, WHICH IT DID ON FRIDAY AND THEN FOLLOWED THROUGH TODAY," A BROKER SAID.

"THE WEEKEND NEWS WAS ALL

Dollar steady

European stock markets mostly higher

LONDON, Feb 20. (Reuters): Most European stock markets rallied today after shares in Tokyo hit a record high.

The dollar was barely changed and dealers expected currency business to be slow because of the President's Day public holiday in the United States today.

Gold and oil prices edged higher in cautious business.

The dollar's stability helped to ease the Frankfurt share market's nagging worries about rising domestic interest rates, although dealers said some uncertainty remained.

Boosted

Wall Street's modest rise on Friday after a December US trade report in line with expectations also boosted the market.

"The general feeling is that we are due for at least a slight upward correction," one West German share dealer said.

In Paris, the 50-share bourse

indicator started 0.27 per cent up.

Earlier Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 53.59 points to 3,159.84 points while Sydney's main market index closed up 24.4 points at 1,472.7.

The dollar started at 1,370 marks and 126.10 yen in London compared with Friday's closes of 1,375 and 125.93. By 1100 GMT it was nudging 1.34 marks and 126.25 yen.

The main currency market factor this week is likely to be congressional testimony which starts tomorrow from US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan.

Attract

Markets will scrutinise the central bank chief's remarks for clues to whether the Fed might raise interest rates. Higher US rates attract investors to dollar assets.

Gold started the week a shade

higher at \$382.40 an ounce in London compared with Friday's close of \$380.50.

Brent Blend oil from Britain's North Sea was offered 10 cents a barrel higher for March delivery at about \$16.80.

The benchmark US Treasury long bond was quoted at 99-8/32 per cent yielding 9.07 per cent.

Lending

London, shares were at their highs on the day in slow afternoon business, helped by UK January sterling M4 bank and building society lending figures earlier which analysis said pointed to a slowdown in consumer demand.

News Minorco raised its Cons Gold bid to £14 per share from £13 boosted overall sentiment early on, dealers said. Cons Gold shares were up 3p to 1,438 on low turnover as investors awaited the next move after Cons Gold rejected the bid. By 1547 GMT the

FTSE 100 share index was up 24.9 points to the day's high of 2,067.3.

Dealers said news of an £8.5 billion rise in M4 lending, against forecasts of a £6.3 billion gain, at first pulled prices back from the day's earlier highs.

But further analysis of the data pointed to a slowdown in consumer demand once the mortgage element had been stripped out, Kevin Gardiner, equity strategist at Warburg Securities, said.

The rise in bank lending chiefly reflected corporate borrowing at a time of traditionally high tax payments in January. Sterling M0, the narrowest measure of money supply, fell 0.6 per cent, a slightly smaller than expected decline, but the figure was nevertheless encouraging, he added.

By 1625 GMT just under one million Cons Gold shares had changed hands. Dealers said they

thought the new Minorco offer was an attempt to prompt a net asset valuation from Cons Gold, which analysts say could be as high as £20 per share. Analysts said they expected Minorco would eventually have to make a higher bid which could be as much as £16 per share.

Offer

Minorco's new offer is conditional on a ruling by a New York court, which placed an injunction on the company's bid on grounds of possible violation of US anti-trust laws.

Minorco shares were 10p higher at 766p in late afternoon business.

Redland rose 15p to 512 after an analysts' meeting on Friday, while Tarmac rose 6p to 295 in sympathy, helped by speculation over a substantial revaluation in Cons Gold's Amey Roadstone subsidiary, dealers said.

Khorafi for Morocco to take part in Arab economic meeting

KUWAIT, Feb 20. (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Finance Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi left here today for Morocco to take part in the 46th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council and the 13th meeting of the board of governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) due to be held there from Feb. 22-25.

Khorafi told Kuwaiti News Agency that during the IDB meeting, the report of the procedural committee would be reviewed as well as the Iranian request to join the bank.

The 13th annual report and endorsing the accounts and the budget would also take place during the meetings and the recommendations of the procedural committee on the bank's revenues would be discussed.

Discussions
He added that discussions would also include the draft agreement for co-operation between the IDB and the Arab Organisation of Agricultural Development.

Khorafi also said that the 46th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council would review the report of the secretary-general dealing with following up implementation of the resolutions adopted by the previous session.

Talks would also tackle administrative and economic issues and the social conditions in the occupied Palestinian lands.

The meeting will also discuss food security and food products in the Arab countries Khorafi said.

The minister is accompanied by director of the economic organisations department at the Finance Ministry Khaled Al Rab'aan and the director of the undersecretary's office Mohamed Al Mershed and head of the organisations' department Adnan Al Khidair.

Kuwait to supply Zambia's oil needs this year

LUSAKA, Feb 20. (Reuters): Kuwait will supply Zambia with all of its oil requirements this year, Finance Minister Gibson Chigaga said today.

"We have a facility which we have open with Kuwait," Chigaga said referring to an agreement signed last week in Kuwait.

Under the pact, Kuwait will supply between \$40 million and \$50 million worth of crude oil. The total would vary depending on fluctuations in the world oil price, he said.

He did not give a tonnage figure for the oil to be supplied.

Imported oil accounts for about 15 per cent of Zambia's total energy supply. More than 70 per cent comes from domestically produced hydro-electricity and the rest from coal.

UK minister in Bahrain for trade talks

MANAMA, Feb 20. (KUNA): Visiting British Minister of Trade Alan Clark today met the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Gulf News Agency reported.

It said, discussions during the meeting tackled trade relations between the two countries in the light of stabilisation of situation in the Gulf region due to cessation of the Iraqi-Iranian war.

Clark, who arrived here earlier today on an official two-day visit, will also hold further talks with Bahraini Trade and Agriculture Minister Habib Qasim on ways of fostering bilateral relations before he heads on Wednesday for Oman.

Beijing hopes to stabilise markets

China's imports and exports total \$79.42b

BEIJING: China's trade with foreigners hit a record level last year. But the nation's leaders have found that the free-market economic reforms that helped produce the commerce are a two-edged sword.

Thus, Beijing is slowing the liberalisation of its trading system, just as it has curbed broader market-oriented reforms over the past five months.

China's imports and exports totalled \$79.42 billion in 1988. The brisk commerce resulted from Beijing surrendering many powers over trade to businesses and provincial or local officials, trade officials said Monday.

Hundreds of new trading companies, enjoying the laxest state controls in decades, bought and sold more good with foreigners than ever before.

Recalibration
However, many of the more than 4,100 new, state-owned trading firms entered into deals against the country's interest because of inexperience or self-interest, according to the officials.

Consequently, China's trade surplus fell to \$785 million last year from \$1.3 billion in 1987.

Last year "trading companies

could not compete equally and some companies were not well managed so the foreign trade was not in very good order, but all these conditions are now under rectification," said Liu Xiangdong, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade.

As with reform of the economy as a whole, Beijing has applied the brakes to its trade policies. It hopes to stabilise its markets and curb local officials who have abused their new economic powers.

The reforms in both spheres have spurred the economy, with China's industrial growth exceeding 17 per cent last year and trade in 1988 expanding 16.6 per cent.

But market-oriented measures have enabled lower-level officials to ignore central guidance, promote local interests, and bolster their incomes with graft.

For instance in the area of state reform, the state since last March has broken up large state trading monopolies into dozens of competing firms and allowed them to retain profits in foreign exchange above a state-set quota.

Yet many trading firms, seek-

ing additional foreign exchange, have persuaded newly-empowered local officials to grant licences for exports that exceed state quotas, Liu said. The unauthorised exports have created chaos in pricing and supply.

"Certainly the greater number of Chinese companies involved in trade is very healthy since there is more competition and efficiency," said Eric Christensen, director of Hong Kong and China operations for the East Asian Company, a Danish trad-

ing firm.

"But some of the new companies are very opportunistic and do not think of the long term," Christensen said. For example, he noted that some Chinese traders in the neighbouring special economic zone of Shenzhen routinely break laws regulating foreign exchange.

The state will try to reassess control by reclaiming power over export licensing through 30 special commissioners' offices nationwide, six times the current number, Liu said. It will also attempt to enforce export quotas through stricter guidance of export-oriented companies and local officials.

"The government needs time to put the house in order before it continues with what is a positive step (trade-system reform)," Christensen said.

But Beijing-based diplomats specialising in economics doubt that the central government can fully retrieve the economic power it has surrendered to provincial and municipal officials.

"The (government) will inevitably be competing with companies and lower-level governments for control over trade now that it's given them a taste for autonomy — that's just one of the built-in dynamics of decentralisation," a Western diplomat said.

"But it will be competing in vain with officials in coastal provinces like Guangdong because those thriving areas don't need the centre's finances or expertise and so are likely to ignore its guidance," he added.

Analysts say that as long as China satisfies its conservative economic planner with a trade surplus, it will continue to emerge as one of the world's leading exporters, merely regulating its trade system rather than reducing foreign commerce.

The Christian Science Monitor

East German leadership reluctant to let economy change

Government feels the pinch as world competition grows

EAST BERLIN, Feb 20. (Reuters): East Germany's ageing leadership seems unwilling to ease its grip on the economy despite a surge of radical reforms in other communist states.

The country may have communism's strongest economy, but economic experts still say it is shackled by outdated industries, an insistence on spending one-fifth of its budget on subsidies and a continued reluctance to borrow.

"The priorities for 1991 are no longer valid in 1989 — that's it in a nutshell," said one diplomat based here.

Pinch

Discussion about economic strategy, little changed since Erich Honecker took power in 1971, is now out in the open but it does not match that heard from more reform-minded allies such as Hungary and the Soviet Union.

He insisted recently: "If one finds that one has embarked on a course that is right, then one should continue along it."

Autonomy

East Germany fares relatively well with its huge state combines that have some autonomy in the tightly controlled system and its sprinkling of tiny private firms.

Price rises for basics are as yet unknown, inflation is hidden but not drastic. Rather than unemployment there is a labour shortage that has led to foreign workers being made.

But beneath the surface the economy is barely growing, foreign trade is static and many plan targets are being missed. Small private shops are welcomed but high taxes discourage many would-be entrepreneurs.

East Germany is feeling the pinch as international competition grows and its own outmoded policies falter.

Many people point to stagnation and stagnation.

"They are treading water," one Western diplomat said of the centrally-planned East German economy. "There is no danger they will sink yet but everything they will sink yet but everything prices the same as they were 30 years ago.

A bread roll still sells for five pfennigs (2.7 cents) but a new East German-made family car with West German engine and a 1960s look costs more than 30,000 marks (\$16,300).

The rolls are usually available on the spot, at least to early risers, but the wait for a car is at least 10 years.

Otto Reinhold, an aide to Honecker, agrees the subsidies policy is problematic and distorts the economy. But the alternative of boosting prices and wages to match would spark an inflationary spiral and leave the lowest-paid worse off.

"Such a path would be socially and politically dangerous," he wrote in the Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland, noting market-oriented prices in countries like Hungary and Poland and not brought greater efficiency or better living standards.

Indeed, these countries' citizens are increasingly coming to East Germany to cash in on lower prices. East Berlin has now imposed tough new export duties

to stem the outflow of goods. Consistently devoting 50 to 60 billion marks (\$27 to \$2 billion) to subsidies has left other areas short in East Germany, particularly capital investment, the experts say.

"The longer it goes on, the deeper the trouble the economy is getting itself into," said one.

Too little has been invested too late in emerging industries and immediate prospects for foreign trade are not good.

An East German economist said this week it was getting tougher to export to the West against Third World competition and to sell its goods to more discerning East bloc customers.

Reflexes

With few natural resources of its own, East Germany relies heavily on exporting machine tools, high-technology goods and consumer products in return for raw materials.

On foreign credits, diplomats say East Berlin overextended itself in the early 1980s and, having cut its debt, is now reluctant to take on large new amounts.

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Dear Junior Readers,

Kuwait will be celebrating its 28th anniversary this year. Many houses, shops and companies have put up pretty lights to justify the presence of a happy occasion.

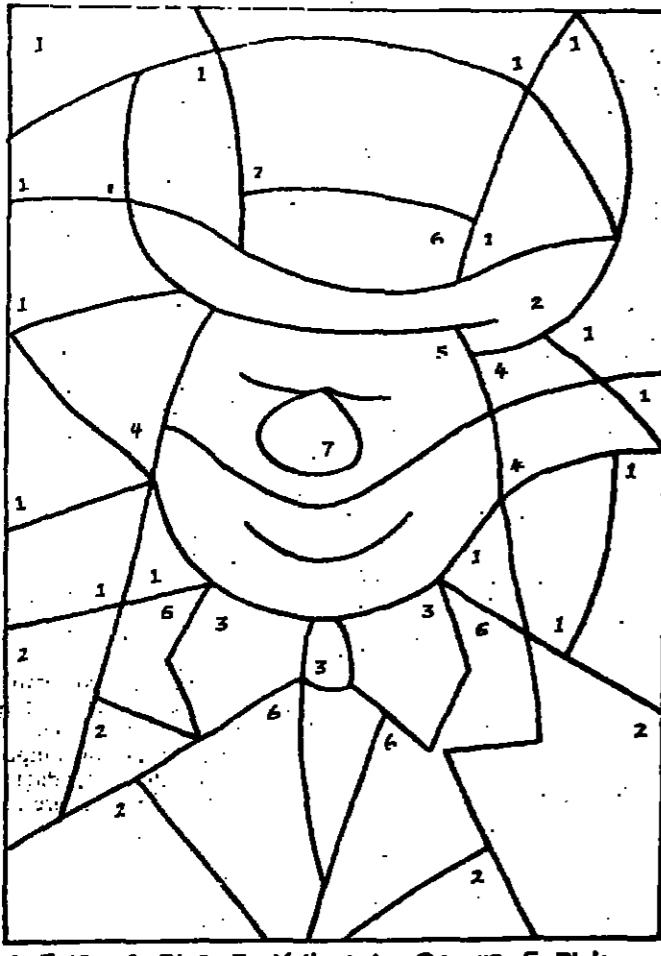
At night Kuwait is practically glowing, why don't you ask your parents to take you for a ride and see it for yourself?

If you are keeping a diary it will be a good idea to describe the beautiful buildings in detail. Don't forget your cameras!

Manal

Colouring time

FOLLOW THE CODE.



1 - Green. 2 - Blue. 3 - Yellow. 4 - Orange. 5 - Pink. 6 - Black. 7 - Red.

Word search

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ZOO-AIURIUMS
FEEDING TIME
FOXES
GLASS
GUIDED TOURS
HEATED
HERDS
HIDING
INFORMATION
LATIN NAMES
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LIGHTING
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Types of monkey (11 letters)

Crossword solution from Thursday

Across: 1 Dancer; 7 Ape; 8 Scamper; 9 Tail; 10 Silient; 14 Ice-cream; 17 Wig; 19 Impair; 21 Pea; 22 Refreshes

Down: 1 Dress; 2 Stalls; 3 Elm; 4 Tyres; 5 Raft; 6 Sling; 11 Eye; 12 Heard; 13 Swipe; 15 Cliff; 16 Moles; 18 Gear; 20 Pie

Miss Waddle-Toes

ONCE upon a time there was a little girl called Anna. She was a dear, pretty little girl — except when she walked! And dear me, when she walked, how she turned in her toes! "I shall call you Miss Waddle-Toes," said Mother. "You walk like a duck, Anna. It looks dreadful. Do turn your feet out, not in!"

But Anna wouldn't bother to remember to turn out her toes properly. She turned them in as much as ever, and only laughed when Mother called her Miss Waddle-Toes.

Now one day Anna had a great surprise. She found a tiny fairy caught in a spider's web, crying loudly for help. The little girl tore the web, frightened away the big spider there, and set the small fairy on the ground.

"You are very kind," said the fairy gratefully. "What can I do for you in return?"

Anna was excited. "Please," she said, "I have always wanted to go to a fairy party. Do you think I could?"

"Yes," said the fairy at once. "There is a dance tonight under the big oak-tree in the wood over there. But it's fancy dress."

"Oh dear!" said Anna. "I haven't a fancy dress. I'm afraid."

"Well, come anyhow," said the fairy. "We can dress you up somehow, I expect!"

So Anna ran home, feeling so excited that Mother really could not think what was the matter with her!

That night, when the moon rose high in the

starry sky, Anna slipped out of bed and ran to the window. Yes — it must be time to go to the party, because she could see tiny lights gleaming here and there in the wood. Oh, what fun!

The little girl slipped on her dressing-gown, ran downstairs, let herself quietly out of the garden door, and went down the garden. She slipped through the gate that led into the field, and ran over to the wood.

The party had begun! The wood was lighted with tiny lanterns, and hundreds of pixies, elves, brownies, and gnomes were there, all in fancy dress; talking in high twittering voices, and dancing round and round with each other.

"Hallo!" cried a voice, and a gnome danced up to her. "Here comes Miss Twaddle-Toes, with her toes turned in as usual! Have you come to the party?"

"Yes," said Anna. "The fairy I saved from a spider-to-day said I could come."

"Well, you must have a fancy dress," said the gnome, "and you must be made smaller, or you won't be able to dance with us. Wait till I get my wand, then I'll give you some kind of fancy dress."

He ran off and fetched a tiny silver wand with a glittering star on the end. He looked at Anna.

"I don't know what sort of fancy dress will come when I touch you with my wand," he said. "You don't mind, do you?"

"Not at all," said Anna, hoping very much she

would have a fairy's dress or perhaps a brownie's suit. "I should like something with wings, though."

"Right!" said the gnome. He waved his wand, said a word three times — a very magic one — and touched Anna lightly on the hair, crying. "Change, Miss Waddle-Toes, change! Wear your fancy dress till daybreak!"

Anna felt something funny happening to herself. She was certainly changing. She looked down at herself — and what a dreadful shock she got!

What do you suppose she had changed into? Why, a large yellow duckling with a pair of little wobbly wings!

"Quack!" cried Anna in dismay. "Quack!"

"Goodness! She's changed into a duck!" shouted the gnome — and a lot more of the little folk came running up. "Look at that!"

"Well, she shouldn't turn her feet in!" said an elf wisely. "She might have known she'd wear a duck's dress for fancy dress, if she waddled about like one! I've often seen her turning in her toes — dreadful! Never mind, Anna! You are small enough to join us and enjoy the party now."

"Quack, quack, quack!" said poor Anna, who felt she would not enjoy the party at all! She could only quack, not talk, and she waddled along turning in her toes all the time, and couldn't dance a bit! She couldn't even fly, for her wings were really much too small. It was all most disappointing!



"QUACK!" CRIED ANNA IN DISMAY. "QUACK!"

drink, because she didn't know how to manage her big beak! It seemed to get in the way so! In fact, it got in her way just as much as her feet did!

"This is a horrid party after all," thought the disappointed little girl. "I can't dance properly — I can't fly — I can't eat this lovely jelly — I can't drink that lovely pink lemonade — and I've never had pink lemonade before! I wish I'd never come!"

However, the fairy understood. "Don't mention that lovely pink lemonade — and on they danced. The party would have been simply lovely, but Anna couldn't even eat or

sight — but Anna was sad. She hated being a duckling. It was horrid to waddle about in a clumsy manner when everyone else was dancing so lightly on tiptoe.

"I'll never turn my toes in again, that's certain!" thought Anna. "I didn't know how clumsy it was still I wore this duck fancy dress and was turned into a duck. I won't be so silly again."

When dawn came the fairy folk fled — and Anna was left sitting on the grass alone. She was upset. Suppose she stayed a duckling! Whatever would Mother say?

She waddled back home and walked up the stairs. She did not dare to call Mother, because she knew she would quack. She got into bed, pulled up the clothes with two little arm-wings, and then fell asleep.

And in the morning she was herself again! Yes, really — she had her own feet and arms and everything — she was a little girl and not a duckling. How glad she was!

She jumped out of bed and dressed. Then she ran to tell Mother her adventure, and dear me — how nicely she turned her toes out as she ran! No more Miss Waddle-Toes for her!

Mother was sorry she had had such a horrid time at the party. "Never mind," she said, "perhaps next time it will be nicer — especially if you remember not to waddle a duck any more, Anna! Try hard and see if you can walk like a pixie does!"

Anna is trying hard — and if you know any little Miss Waddle-Toes just tell them what happened to Anna. They will soon stop tramping in their toes, won't they?

Collection corner

Old photographs

SOME old pictures taken by famous photographers are now very valuable. It is unlikely that your family photographs will be worth much, but they can be interesting. Even pictures taken ten years ago show changes in scenery and clothes which can make a useful record if you continue to keep photographs over the years.

If you are lucky, you can find an album for your pictures so they are not damaged. Sometimes there are pretty double frames for them, or small pressed metal frames which were put on to the picture by the photographer. Early pictures were on fine metal instead of paper and were protected by thin tin frames and sometimes these are mixed up with old brooches and buttons in junk boxes.



Photographs may be protected by attractive gilt frames.



Family photographs show the clothes our parents and grandparents used to wear

Easy cooking

CAKES and sweets are not only fun to eat afterwards as well. The quickest cakes I know are the kind that are made with cornflakes or almost any kind of breakfast cereal.

Chocolate cookies

For these you'll need 200g of chocolate, a small piece of butter (just a knob) and some cereal. Break the chocolate up, put it in a small basin with the butter, then stand that in a saucepan with enough water in it to come halfway up the side, and heat it. The chocolate in the basin will slowly melt — but keep an eye on it because if the water boils over the top into the chocolate, then your cakes will be ruined.

Once the chocolate is nice and liquid, take the basin out of the saucepan, pick up a handful of cornflakes and stir them quickly in, add more cornflakes, stirring all the time, until the chocolate won't take any more. All you have to do then is to spoon dollops of the mixture into patty tins or onto a plate and leave them somewhere cool to set (a refrigerator is the best place).

You don't have to stick at just chocolate, you can make toffee cookies in just the same way.

Coconut ice

This is easy to do, and much cheaper than if you buy it in the shops. If you have some interesting cake colourings in the larder, you can turn it all sorts of lurid shades too! I once saw some blue coconut ice made that way. You need 200g of desiccated coconut, 400g of icing sugar and a tin of condensed milk. Sieve the icing sugar you always have to do before using it, as it very easily goes into lumps — then mix it together in a large bowl with the desiccated coconut (I say large bowl, because icing sugar tends to fly around in a kind of mist when you stir it).

Now add the condensed milk, little by little, working it in, too, at this stage if you are using any. Keep adding the milk and pounding the mixture until it is a stiff ball in the bottom of the basin (you'll probably find you need about 5 or 6 tablespoonsfuls of milk in all). Now turn your coconut ice on to a plain hard surface — glass, plastic or marble are fine, wood is not so good as the mixture seems to cling to it. Roll it out into a slab with a rolling pin or an empty, clean milk bottle and trim the edges (what do you do with the trimmings? eat them, of course!). Dust it with icing sugar, by shaking the empty packet over it (there's always some left inside). Then leave it somewhere cool for an hour or two to set.

Amazing facts

John Bunyan wrote most of *A Pilgrim's Progress* whilst serving a six-month prison sentence in Bedford Jail.

An anagram of "funeral" is "real fun."

Between 1930 and 1934 there were no speed limits on British roads.

The honeycomb made by bees is hexagonal in shape because that allows the maximum space using the least amount of wax.

The highest motor road in Europe is that leading to the peak of Picacho de Veleta, Spain. It reaches an altitude of 11,450 feet.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE LOWEST RECORDED SCORE FOR THROWING A GOLF BALL ROUND 18 HOLES (OVER 6000 YDS, 5500 M) IS 82 BY 21 YEAR OLD JOE FLYNN (USA). AT THE 6229 YD (5694 M) PORT ROYAL COURSE, BERMUDA ON 27 MARCH 1975.

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SPORTS

Waltrip takes top spot in Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb 20, (UPI): Darrell Waltrip, who suffered heartbreaking losses at Daytona International Speedway twice last year, drove the final 53 laps without a pitstop yesterday to break his 17-year winless streak at the track with his first Daytona 500 triumph.

Waltrip, driving the Tide Chevrolet, was back in the pack in sixth position behind front-running Ken Schrader and Dale Earnhardt with 20 laps remaining in the 200-lap race, but worked his way up in the field as the cars in front of him dove into the pits for fuel. Waltrip, 42, is a three-time Winston Cup champion and winner of 74 career races, but hadn't won a Winston Cup race on the 2.5-mile tri-oval.

Schrader, the pole-sitter and a teammate of Waltrip's in Rick Hendrick's driving stable, finished second in a Chevrolet, followed by Earnhardt, Geoff Bodine, Rick Mast, Kulwicki, Kirk Wilson and Terry Labonte.

Dropped

Waltrip dominated both races at Daytona last year, but engine trouble late in the 500 dropped him out of the lead, and he also fell back after running most of the firecracker 400 up front. He earned \$14,400 for winning the 31st running of stock-car racing's biggest event, and averaged 146 mph.

The margin of victory was 7.64 seconds, and there were 30 lead changes among 15 drivers.

When a caution period ended with 50 laps left, Mast led the race, followed by Earnhardt, Schrader, Parsons, Geoff Bodine, Kulwicki, and Waltrip. Five laps later, Earnhardt passed Mast to move into the lead in turn two, but Schrader then moved by Earnhardt in turn three to take the lead.

Schrader, Earnhardt and Mast formed a three-car draft and began to open up an advantage on the rest of the field, and with 31 laps remaining, they were 7.5 seconds ahead of the second pack of cars.

Mast, a rookie driving in his third Winston Cup race, got hung up behind a slower car with 25 laps remaining and allowed Schrader and Earnhardt to pull away. They opened up a 3-second lead on Mast with 20 laps left, and it appeared the race would go to either Schrader or Earnhardt.

Both cars came in for fuel with 10 laps left, and Earnhardt's crew got him out in 4 seconds compared to a 6.2-second stop for Schrader, who also had trouble getting up speed. The pit stops left Kulwicki and Waltrip at the front of the field, but Kulwicki ran out of fuel on lap 197, giving the lead to Waltrip.

Schrader got by Earnhardt with five laps left, but neither he nor Earnhardt counted on Waltrip being able to go 132.5 miles with a fuel stop.

Slammed

Jody Ridley's ride in Bill Elliott's Ford Thunderbird came to a sudden end when he slammed into the wall coming out of turn two on lap 73. Ridley had replaced Elliott, the defending Winston Cup champion, in the car when the first caution flag came out after five laps.

Elliott, who will wear a cast for three weeks, broke his wrist in a practice accident and started in the car in order to get driver points.

Ridley's accident touched off a series of spins that eventually involved 10 cars, including Dale Jarrett, Terry Labonte, Brett Bodine, Lake Speed, Mark Martin and Rodney Combs.

SHELL XI DECLARE 86 RUNS BEHIND**Pakistan openers force pace**

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb 20, (Reuter): A brisk stand of 57 by Pakistan openers Mudassar Nazar and Rizwan-uz-Zaman late on the second day kept alive the chance of a definite result after four batting by a Shell XI today.

Mudassar (32 not out) and Rizwan (23 not out) scored at a run a minute to take Pakistan to 57 without loss in their second innings at the close — 143 ahead overall after the Shell side declared their first innings 86 behind at 196 for five.

The three-day match ends tomorrow.

Stand

The Shell innings was pain-stakingly slow, relieved only by an unfinished sixth wicket stand of 80 between Tony Blain (79 not out) and captain Chris Kuglejewski (32 not out). They scored slowly at first but a series of



Tony Blain



Mudassar Nazar

boundaries boosted their rate to a run a minute before the declaration.

Blain batted for 189 minutes and faced 157 balls, hitting 12 fours.

Openers Peter Dobbs (22) and David White (29) gave the Shell

XI a useful base with a stand of 53, but their effort was undone when four wickets fell in 31 balls, leaving the local team on 61 for four.

Medium-pacer Mudassar and fast-medium Aaqib Javed did the damage with two wickets apiece.

Scoreboard
PAKISTAN first innings 282 for nine (overnight declared) (Imran Khan 104, Aamer Maik 81, Shoaib Mohammad 56 G. Robertson five for 44).

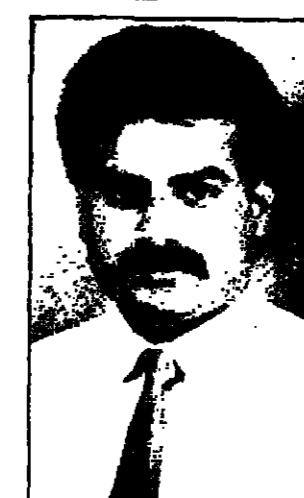
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D. White b Mudassar 29
G. Robertson lbw b Qadir 26
L. Litham c Yousaf b Aaqib 0
B. Young lbw b Mudassar 1
T. Blain not out 79
C. Kuglejewski not out 32
Extras (3 sh. 4) 7
Total (for five declared) 196
Fall of wickets: 1-53 2-53 3-60 4-61 5-116

Bowling: Imran 17-7-49-0, Jaffer 13-3-39-0, Aaqib 13-4-21-2 (ab. 3), Mudassar 14-3-55-2 (mb. 1), Qadir 17-8-29-1.

PAKISTAN second innings
Mudassar Nazar not out 32
Rizwan-uz-Zaman not out 23
Extras (ab. 2) 2
Total (for no wicket) 57
Bowling: Deyeler 5-1-27-0, Robertson 5-0-25-0 (mb. 1), Brown 3-1-5-0 (mb. 1), Priest 1-1-0-0.

LOCAL CRICKET

Sajjad



Zahid

Zahid and Sajjad set first-wicket record

FALCON'S skipper Zahid Butt and his opening partner Sajjad found the Flying Arrows bowling to their liking and put on 282 runs for the first wicket at the EPI ground on Friday.

This is a new record for the first-wicket partnership in Kuwait and it also helped Falcon thrash Flying Arrows by 173 runs.

Zahid Butt was in tremendous form and hit a six and 20 fours on his way to an unbeaten 158. At the other end, Sajjad also took the Flying Arrows bowlers to task. He slammed nine fours in his unbeaten 109.

All the Arrows bowlers came in for some rough treatment and were unable to stop Zahid and Sajjad from taking Falcon to 282 in the 30 allotted overs.

Veteran Ghulam Haider, who had his batting pads on for the entire 30 overs, finally got a chance to see some action when Falcon fielded.

Haider took four wickets for 23 runs to put the pressure on Flying Arrows, who were finally all out for 109. Tarique

Anjum and Ejaz took two wickets each while Khalid Najmi collected one.

Flying Arrows have a chance to take revenge for this humiliating defeat when both the teams meet again on Friday in the final of the Shabbir Memorial Trophy at the same ground.

The match starts at 9.00 am and will be organised by the Gulf Cricket League with Bhasin & Company as sponsors. The prizes will be given away by Shivi Bhasin, Tehzeeb-ul-Hassan and Manzoor Hussain will officiate the match.

The squads will be from:

Falcon: Zahid Butt (captain) Khalid Najmi, Ghulam Haider, Zaid Usman, Ijaz Ahmed, Ayub, Ijaz Mohamed, Sajjad, A. Rauf, Sher Afzal, Nawaz Khan, Gul Khan, Tariq Anjum and Amn Butt.

Flying Arrows: Mukesh (captain), Vijay, Francis, Verold, Albert, Ashok, Saleem, Javed, Alex, Neville, John, Imad Ali, Unni and Milland.

Twiggs fights back to win golf Open

LA JOLLA, Calif., Feb 20, (Reuter): Local favourite Greg Twiggs won more money yesterday than in the last four years combined with a come from behind victory at the \$700,000 San Diego Open golf tournament.

Twiggs shot a final round three-under par 69 to come from two strokes off the pace and collect the \$126,000 winner's check with a 17-under par 271 total.

"I tried not to think about anything today," said Twiggs, in his first year on the US PGA Tour after claiming the 32nd and last available spot on the tour in last year's qualifying tournament.

"It's scary to think that I was in that much in control of myself. I just tried to realise that I was in the position I had always dreamed of and to just enjoy myself," he said.

Third round leader Steve Elkington of Australia, Mark Wiebe, Mark O'Meara and Brad Faxon finished in a four-way tie for second place at 15-under 273.

Lead

Twiggs began the day two shots in back of Elkington, but took the lead on the fifth hole when the Australian made his second of three consecutive bogeys.

His main competition from that point came from Wiebe who trailed by only one shot through 13 holes. On the par-four 14th, Wiebe carded a bogey five and Twiggs dropped an eight-foot birdie putt to extend his lead to three shots.

Wiebe missed a crucial 18-inch birdie putt on the 15th hole that would have narrowed the gap to two. Twiggs then three-putted the 16th hole for a bogey, but instead of a mere one shot lead going into the final two holes, and Twiggs dropped an eight-foot birdie putt to extend his lead to three shots.

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Wiebe shot a final round of 70, while Elkington, who was seeking his first win as well, carded a one-over-par 73.

Kuwait outclass Dubai

WITH two late withdrawals from among Kuwait (KMMC) Nomads talented back division, it appeared as if the visit of Dubai Exiles would become a major obstacle in the Nomads search to retain the Gulf Merit Table Championship. However, a spirited performance from the pack and more than satisfactory play by the three-quarters ensured that Kuwait continued their unbeaten season.

The Nomads were at times guilty of over elaboration, but it was pleasing to see some straight running from debutant Dave Ball. Dubai did manage to cut Kuwait's lead with a well taken drop goal.

Excellent

The second half saw Kuwait forwards taking the ball on the hands. However, good tackling by Dubai managed to keep Kuwait at bay. In the scrums veteran Dubai Hooker Spedding had an excellent game, which did much to nullify the immense drive of Quinn and Evans in the second row. This pressure finally told with Ballussey able to collect a well taken second try.

Dubai never gave up and their spirits were lifted when recent convert Mason high-dived over for a try. This score seemed to

spur Kuwait on and successive drives at the Dubai line were only halted by the conceding of penalties. Two of these were sweetly struck over by Adams.

In the final minute, a well fielded kick by Ballussey was supported by Shipley who rounded off an excellent game at full-back by driving through the Dubai pack and over for a try. A late Dubai penalty meant Kuwait had secured a 24-10 points victory.

Once more, it was Dhammika

who gave the Lions their hope of victory, but a target of 13 runs from the last over, bowled by Neil Jacob, proved just too much.

Winning the toss, Hubara elected to bat first. Clive Greenwood (22) and David Talbot (37) put on 47 off 10 overs for the first wicket, until the former lobbed a simple return catch to spinner Chula. Nick Elphinstone opened his account with two boundaries off Chula and the Hubara score mounted steadily until Talbot top-edged a full-toss from Sam and was caught.

With J.B. Patel (23) and Elphinstone (47) scoring freely, Falcon reached a healthy 156 for 5 off their allotted 30 overs, Chula finishing with 3 for 40.

Bowled

Nihal opened the Lanks Lions innings with three well-struck boundaries off Dr Rao's first three deliveries. However, Rao (6-1-28-2) then bowled with teasing accuracy and with Talbot (6-1-25-2) finding his line and length immediately from the other end, Lions struggled for runs.

Wicketts fell steadily, bringing in the tall Dhammika — who should perhaps bat higher in the order — at 33 for 4. Stroking the ball elegantly round the field and running well between the wickets, he kept Lions in the game, even though no other batsman managed a substantial innings.

Chula (15) and Priyankara (12) worried Hubara towards the end, but steadily spells by Mike D'Souza (6-0-25-2) and the ever-green all-rounder J.B. Patel (5-1-25-2) kept the run-rate under control, restricting Lions to 153 for 9 of their 30 overs.

Having scored 40 in the previous fixture against Hubara, the indefatigable Dhammika finished this time on 62 not out, with three boundaries.

Piquet injured

VAREGGIO, Italy, Feb 20, (Reuter): Formula One driver Nelson Piquet was in hospital with a broken rib yesterday after he slipped off a ladder on his luxury yacht.

Piquet, who will retire after races in Japan next month, had an aggregate time of two minutes, 16.40 seconds.

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SPORTS

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Speedbird Trophy

THE British Airways Speedbird Trophy game between Great Britain and Pakistan, due to be played this weekend, has been rescheduled for Friday, March 24. The Bawa Shield semifinal between Hubara and CCK will be played on Friday, Feb. 24 and the final on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9.00 am.

Sabah Trophy

BLUE STAR meet Friends Club in the semifinal of the Sabah Trophy cricket tournament on Friday, Feb. 24, in the morning at the Safeway ground. The winner will meet Quid-e-Millat in the final next month.

Ihsan Memorial

THE Ihsan Memorial one-day tournament is scheduled to start at the Safeway Cricket Ground on Feb. 25. All the participating teams have been asked to report to the organizing committee at 8.00 am on Feb. 25. The draw will be held on the same day.

Death threats

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 20. (Reuter): Argentine tennis star Gabriela Sabatini flew to the United States yesterday, two weeks ahead of schedule, after receiving death threats through the mail, police and airport sources said.

World Cup

Riyadh, Feb. 20. (Reuter): Africa and Asia could have more representatives in future World Cup soccer finals. FIFA president Joao Havelange said at the weekend that he intends to make a proposal on the subject to his executive committee after next year's finals in Italy.

1,500m trio

LONDON, Feb. 20. (UPI): Britain's star 1,500 metre trio of Olympic silver medallist Peter Elliott, 1980 and 1984 Olympic champion Seb Coe and former world champion Steve Cram have been by-passed by the selectors for the March 3-5 World Indoor Track and Field Championships in Budapest.

Ajax defeated

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20. (Reuter): Ajax Amsterdam, still clearly missing transferred stars Marco van Basten and Ruud Gullit, stumbled to a 3-2 defeat away to Dutch First Division relegation candidates Sparta of Rotterdam yesterday.

Title fight

LAS VEGAS, Feb. 20. (Reuter): World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson said yesterday that he would knock out Briton Frank Bruno when the often postponed title defence finally takes place on February 25.

RESULTS
RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:
NJS
1. Dr Oskay & Shanti
2. Dr Parikh & Mrs Sapre
3. Yasir & Ghazi
EW
1. Merchant & Karsten
2. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza
3. Ratin & Kadoura
Results of Regency Bridge Club game held on Sunday:
NJS
1. Mr Sapre & Saad
2. Mrs and Mr F. Farah
3. Mrs Wilma & A. Tisb
EW
1. Mukherjee & Ravi
2. Sabaria & Sattar
3. Darco & Merchant
Sheraton Bridge Club game will be held at 8.00 pm at the Holiday Inn instead of at Sheraton.

W.GERMAN STAR RAISES CAREER EARNINGS TO \$3,427,860

Graf outplays Garrison for title



FAIRFAX, Virginia, Feb. 20. (UPI): Top-ranked Steffi Graf won her first 20 points en route to a straight sets victory over Zina Garrison yesterday in the final of the \$300,000 Virginia Slims of Washington.

Graf, the 19-year-old West German, earned \$60,000 in claiming her 32nd career singles title by a 6-1, 7-5 score over Garrison, raising her career earnings, already fourth all-time highest, to \$3,427,860. Graf, coming off a year in which she posted a 72-3 match record and swept the Grand Slam, has won both tournaments she has entered in 1989, also triumphing in the Australian Open for her fifth straight Grand Slam title.

Graf won the first five games of the 16-minute first set without losing a point, rattling Garrison's serve-and-volley attack with precision passing shots and breaking Garrison twice during the stretch. Graf did not lose a point on her serve until the second point of the second game

of the second set, registered the decisive service break in the 11th game of the second set, then served out the 65-minute match.

The sizzling beginning stunned even Graf, who said it was the first time she had won the first five games at love of any match in her career.

Chance

"I was really surprised," Graf said. "In the beginning, I tried to keep the ball in play and then, when I had the chance, I tried to finish it up. I was serving well at that point and returning well. It's just that she was really tight and she didn't have any real power in her strokes, so she wasn't putting any pressure on me."

Graf has won four of the five meetings with Houston's Garrison, the tournament's fifth seed and the world's ninth ranked player. The two last met in the Olympic semifinals, when Graf won 6-2, 6-0.

Garrison said Graf simply couldn't miss during the opening five games.

game, when Garrison held serve at 15.

Garrison's service efficiency and net game improved in the second set and the two remained on serve until Graf broke the American in the ninth game of the set. But Garrison rallied, breaking the West German at 15 in the next game, as Graf, who had won her first 17 points on her serve, double-faulted on break point.

"She was serving much better in the second set and I was not playing as well," Graf said. "My slice was not too good."

Graf produced the decisive break of the match in the 11th game. With the game tied at 30-30, Graf ripped a backhand passing shot to force break point, then Garrison netted a backhand at the net to give Graf a 6-5 lead.

The West German served out the match, winning the championship when Garrison drilled a forehand return long off a Graf second serve.

Scott takes Lakers to victory over Celtics

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (AP): Roundup of National Basketball Association games played last night:

Lakers 119, Celtics 110

Byron Scott scored 14 of his season-high 35 points in a span of less than eight minutes, carrying the Los Angeles to a 119-110 victory over the Boston Celtics.

It was the team's first match without both Larry Bird and Magic Johnson since they joined the NBA.

Bulls 108, Bucks 106

Michael Jordan had 23 points and Brad Sellers scored six in the final 2:40 as the Chicago Bulls continued their mastery of the Milwaukee Bucks with a 108-106 lead.

The Bucks four times without a loss this season and 11 times in their last 12 meetings.

Heat 124, Hawks 115

Rockie Grant Long scored 30 points and Miami built a 20-point lead before holding off a late Atlanta comeback attempt for a 124-115 victory, the expansion Heat's second straight win.

Miami, which had never

before scored than 111 points in regulation, led by 20 on four occasions early in the second half.

Standings

Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	34	17	.667	
Philadelphia	28	25	.500	2.5
Boston	23	27	.460	4.5
Washington	19	30	.388	7.5
New Jersey	19	32	.373	12
Charlotte	14	37	.255	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	38	12	.760	
Detroit	33	14	.702	3.5
Milwaukee	31	17	.646	6
Atlanta	31	20	.608	7.5
Chicago	29	23	.592	10
Indiana	11	38	.250	26

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	31	18	.631	
Utah	31	20	.500	1
Dallas	26	22	.542	4.5
Denver	26	25	.510	6
San Antonio	13	36	.265	18
Miami	7	42	.143	24

Pacific Division

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 20. (Reuter): John Krik's upset streak ended with a groin pull yesterday that gave the Memphis indoor tennis title to fellow American Brad Gilbert, who had already won the first two sets 6-2, 6-2.

Fourteen minutes later, Anderson da Silva raced down the right to send a low shot past Manoutou Kane.

The Brazilians clicked with move after move. The Mali defence wavered, then fell apart.

The first goal came in the 50th minute when Cassio Alves de Barros ran up and crashed a powerful drive past Mali goalkeeper Bouba Diabate.

Three minutes later, Bismarck Barreto Faria struck for his goal. He picked up a cross from Marcelo Henrique dos Santos and nodded home with perfection

for March 3.

And in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's hopes of progressing in the championship were badly dented when they crashed to their second defeat in as many matches, beaten 1-0 by Czechoslovakia.

Radoslav Latal scored the vital goal in the 52nd minute after a brilliant solo run on the right wing.

Also in Riyadh, Portugal struggled to a 1-0 win against Nigeria in a Group A clash today.

The victory sends Portugal through to the knock-out final rounds in the 16-team contest that started Feb. 16.

With Nigeria down to nine players in the last 18 minutes with two sent off, Joao Pinto scored the lone goal in the 78th minute.

Gilbert wins Memphis event

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The 16th-seeded Krik, who had upset top seed Andre Agassi and 11th-seeded compatriot Michael Chang to reach the final, stretched for a Gilbert forehand in the seventh game of the second set when the injury occurred.

The South African-born Krik returned to the court with his left thigh heavily taped but was unable to push off on his service and his mobility was severely limited.

After completing the second set, the 30-year-old Krik decided to concede the match.

• A fun junior tennis tournament was recently held at the Kuwait International Hotel. A good cross section of young and upcoming players entered the tournament which had under 12, 14, 16, boys & girls singles events. The tournament was played on a round robin format. The match of the tournament was between Christian Elliot and Daniel Clayton. Elliot eventually won the set 9 games to 7. The prize winners (above) are pictured with other officials. Left to right: Linda Olson, Rebecca Clayton, Daniel Clayton, Colin Hall (Recruitment Manager), Christian Elliot, G. Hempeal and Vivian Bata.

Brazil rout Mali in youth tourney

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 20. (AP): Brazil, favourites to win the fifth World Youth Soccer Cup tournament, trounced Mali 5-0 yesterday in a Group A match at the Youth Welfare Stadium in this Red Sea port city. Halftime was 0-0.

In the second half, Brazil called the tune and Mali danced to it.

Anderson da Silva and Bismarck Barreto Faria both scored twice in a sizzling second half that ripped the Africans apart.

Mali tried to launch attacks in the first half, catching the Brazilians on the hop.

Missed

Twice Boubacar Sissoko and Malick Tandjigora ran the Brazil defence ragged, but their shots missed.

With a classic battle in mid-

Short defeats Karpov

LINARES, Spain, Feb. 20. (Reuter): British grand master Nigel Short beat former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union in the first round of an international chess tournament yesterday.

First round results:

Jan Timman (Netherlands) vs Lajos Portisch (Hungary) match adjourned with Timman one pawn ahead.

Nigel Short (Britain) beat Anatoly Karpov (Soviet Union).

Artur Yusupov (Soviet Union) beat Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union).

Boris Gukov (Soviet Union)

vs Jóhann Hjartarson (Iceland)

match adjourned in draw position.

Alexander Beliavsky (Soviet Union) vs Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) match adjourned with Ljubojevic in advantage after taking rook against bishop.

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Karpov and Gukov are taking part in an international tournament in this southern Spanish town.

Kasparov asks Fischer to resume tournaments

LINARES, Spain, Feb. 20. (Reuter): Soviet world chess champion Gary Kasparov has called on former champion Bobby Fischer of the United States to resume tournaments, 14 years after retiring, a grandmaster said today.

US grandmaster Boris Gukov, a former champion of the Soviet Union, said Kasparov had written to Fischer ahead of his scheduled trip to Washington this week.

He started the letter with the words "dear champion colleague," he said.

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